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FOR THE

SICK:

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AND THE

LITURGY

OF OUR

CHURCH.

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TO THE

Right Reverend Father in God,

HENRY,

Lord Biſhop of *LONDON*,

This *Manual* of *Devotions*

With dutiful Submiſſion preſents it ſelf:

Humbly requeſting his *Licence*,

To *Viſit the Sick* in this Great *City*;

For which it was chiefly deſign'd:

And praying that God may return upon his Head,

In the beſt retributions,

His many Favours to the *Compiler* of it:

And may long preſerve Him in *health*, and *vigour*,

To *govern*, and *ſupport* the CHURCH.

Amen.

PREFACE

HAving found by the Experience of many Parishes, that the Method of Catechising us'd in the Church of England, is a very profitable Instrument in the Hands of Ministers, to Instruct the Ignorant, and Confirm the Wavering; and that the Publick Catechising of Children and Youth, is a Work of great Importance, and Necessity, (for the Neglect of which, many Souls) it often falls out, that some who have the Care of them, are grievously deplored by Parishes, that either their

THE PREFACE.

HAving found by the Experience of ſome Years, in a populous Pariſh; *that many well-meaning Chriſtians are much at a loſs in the time of Sickneſs, how to employ their Thoughts; when they are under the greateſt neceſſity of employing them well: and that (beſides the common neglect of ſeaſonably deſiring help from thoſe who have the Care of their* Souls) *it often falls out in large* Pariſhes, *that either their*

assistance is not possible to be had in frequent Visits, or cannot reasonably be expected: I have endeavour'd hereupon to supply this want, by providing a constant Companion *for the Sick; and by putting together such* Prayers, *and* Directions, *as may be useful to them in this Extremity. 'Tis the most weighty business of humane* Life, *to be prepar'd for* dying *well: and I trust, what I here offer will not be unserviceable to that end. Let good Christians make a trial, and then let them speak: and as for such as are above these ordinary* Helps, *let them enjoy their own Attainments, and not decry such* Methods *as are below them: let them*

them pray by the Spirit, *and not despise us for praying, as* Christ *taught his Disciples to pray.*

The Eminent Author of the Rule of Holy Dying *gives this Character of his own Work;* I am confident that these my Endeavours will be the better entertain'd, because they are the first entire Body of Directions for Sick, and Dying People, that I remember to have been publish'd in the Church of *England. I shall be contented with a much lower esteem of what I now publish, after that Elegant Writer; and after so many* Devotional *Treatises, with which this Age happily abounds: but this I may safely profess; That*

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had I met with any Collection *of* Prayers, *fitted distinctly, in a plain, and regular Method, for the use of* Families, *when visited with Sickness; I should have spar'd my self the labour of doing again what had been already done.*

The Daily Office *I have taken entirely from the* Scriptures, *and the Publick* Liturgy; *as judging it best to address our selves to the Most High GOD, either in his own Words, or in those of his Church: For after all the profane Contempt, which is cast upon our* Publick Forms; *I must confess, that when I compare them with such as are of a fresher stamp; the most Eloquent Writers, and greatest*

greateſt Maſters of Style, *have not* (*in my poor Opinion*) *attain'd to the Excellency, and* Spirituality *of the* Old Prayers *of the* Church; *and I cannot but ſay, upon an impartial taſt,* The Old are better. *I know, ſome have been pleas'd to imagine, that the Reverence due to the* Common-Prayer *will be impair'd by uſing it* privately: *but I am rather apt to believe, that we ſhould viſibly receive more benefit, and improvement by the* Publick Worſhip, *if we accuſtom'd our ſelves to the ſame Forms in our* Private Devotions: *For when the Soul hath been heated by them in the* Cloſet, *it will the ſooner take fire in the Religious*

Aſſem-

Assemblies; *and continue in that holy Exercise with attention and warmth.*

As for the Additional *part of this* Manual, *I did resolve at the beginning, not to try my success in Composing any new* Forms *of* Prayer; *because I found such plenty of them made ready to my hand, by the most famous* Lights *of our Church: and besides other Reasons to confirm me in this resolution, I consider'd that such* Venerable Names *would most effectually recommend them to the piety of well-dispos'd Christians; who could not easily draw together what is here presented in one view: but to make them fitter for their use, I have*

shorten'd,

ſhorten'd, and made ſome alterations *in thoſe of* private *Compoſure; which is a common liberty, that (I hope) needs no Excuſe. I have moreover made ſuch a diſpoſition of what is choſen out of the* Holy Scripture, *in* Leſſons, Meditations, *and* Sentences; *and eſpecially out of the Book of* Pſalms; *(that noble Store-houſe of Divine Conſolations) as to take in what* variety *I conveniently could, and to put it into ſuch an order, as may tend to the enflaming of the Soul, and to the raiſing of pure Devotion; agreeably to thoſe heavenly Raptures in the* Word *of* God. *I am ſenſible 'tis counted no praiſe, to collect what others*

have

have written; but I ſeek for none. I have no ſuch unprofitable aim: and I think it inexcuſable for any man, to make oſtentation in a Work of this Nature; and to ſound a Trumpet *before his Prayers. 'Tis the benefit of Chriſtian Souls, (and nothing elſe) which is ſincerely intended in this ſmall Offering; and I pray God to give a ſuitable Bleſſing to it: and if any one Chriſtian, how mean ſoever, ſhall be forwarded by it in the attainment of everlaſting Bliſs; I ſhall not think my labour to be loſt. The beſt commendation of it will be the uſing of it devoutly: and if any pious Souls ſhall receive any profit hereby, I ſhall deſire the return of their*

Prayers

Prayers for me; that during my continuance in this troubleſom, and malicious World, I may be ſupported by the Grace of God, in a ſucceſsful diſcharge of my Function; and may be able to make a Chriſtian preparation for my laſt End; and to give a comfortable account of my Stewardſhip, when I ſhall be ſummon'd to the Tribunal of Chriſt. Amen.

From

From the LIFE of Dr. *Hammond*, by Bishop *Fell*.

AS to the Forms of Devotion appropriate to his Extremity, he took care they ſhould not exclude the Publick ones; but ſtill gave theſe a conſtant place: And when in his ſharp Agonies his Friends betook themſelves to their extemporary Ejaculations, he compos'd thoſe Irregularities by ſaying; LET US CALL ON GOD IN THE VOICE OF HIS CHURCH.

Morning

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ERRATA.

PAge 133. line 4. for *want* read *wont.* p. 134. l. 6. f. *nor heard* r. *nor Ear heard.* p. 134. l. 7. for *to* r. *to.*

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Evening, and Morning, and at Noon will I Pray, & cry

& cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Ps. 55. 17.

I. Stuart Sculpsit.

Morning Prayer
FOR THE
SICK.

Preparatory Sentences.

IN my Father's houſe are many manſions: I go to prepare a place for you: And if I go, and prepare a place for you; I will come again, and receive you unto my ſelf; that where I am, there ye may be alſo. Joh. 14. 2, 3.

Behold, I come as a thief. Bleſſed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments. Rev. 16. 15

Bleſſed, and holy is he that hath part in the firſt reſurrection: on Rev. 20. 6.

ſuch the ſecond death hath no power; but they ſhall be Prieſts of God, and of Chriſt, and ſhall reign with him a thouſand years.

Heb. 13. 14. **Here** have we no continuing City, but we ſeek one to come.

Joh. 6. 54. Who-ſo eateth my fleſh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raiſe him up at the laſt day.

Luke, 19. 10. **The** ſon of man is come to ſeek, and to ſave that which was loſt.

Mat. 11. 28 Come unto me all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you reſt.

1 Tim. 1. 15. This is a faithful ſaying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Chriſt Jeſus came into the world to ſave ſinners.

Gen. 49. 18. I have waited for thy ſalvation, O Lord.

Luke, 15. 18, 19. I will ariſe and go to my Father, and will ſay unto him; Father, I have ſinned againſt Heaven, and before Thee; and am no more worthy to be called thy Son.

Let

Let us Pray.

ALmighty, and moſt merciful Father; We have erred, and ſtrayed from thy ways, like loſt ſheep. We have followed too much the devices, and deſires of our own hearts. We have offended againſt thy holy laws. We have left undone thoſe things, which we ought to have done: and we have done thoſe things, which we ought not to have done. And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miſerable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, who confeſs their faults. Reſtore thou them that are penitent. According to thy promiſes declared unto mankind, in Chriſt Jeſus our Lord. And grant, O moſt merciful Father, for his ſake: that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and ſober life: to the glory of thy holy name, Amen.

ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; who pardoneſt, and abſolveſt all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe thy holy Goſpel: We beſeech Thee, to grant us true repentance, and remiſſion of ſins, and thy holy ſpirit: that thoſe things may pleaſe Thee, which we do at this preſent; and that the reſt of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; ſo that at the laſt we may come to thy eternal joy, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily Bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, and ever, Amen.

O God, make ſpeed to ſave us.
O Lord, make haſt to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, world without end, Amen.

A Pſalm gather'd from the ſeven Penitential Pſalms.

I.

1. O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chaſten me in thy hot diſpleaſure. 6. 1.

2. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, For I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed. 6. 2.

3. My Soul is alſo ſore vexed: but thou, O Lord, how long? 6. 3.

4. Thine arrows ſtick faſt in me, and thy hand preſſeth me ſore. 38. 2.

5. There is no ſoundneſs in my fleſh, becauſe of thine anger: neither is there any reſt in my bones, becauſe of my ſin. 38. 3.

38.4. 6. For mine iniquities are gon over mine head: as an heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

38.8. 7. I am feeble, and ſore ſmitten: I have roared by reaſon of the diſquietneſs of my heart.

38.10. 8. My heart panteth, my ſtrength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it alſo is gon from me.

143.4. 9. Therefore is my ſpirit overwhelmed within me: my heart within me is deſolate.

6.4. 10. Return, O Lord, deliver my Soul: oh ſave me for thy mercie's ſake.

6.5. 11. For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who ſhall give thee thanks?

102.2. 12. Hide not thy face from me, in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call, anſwer me ſpeedily.

102.24. 13. I ſaid, O my God, take me not away in the midſt of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

14. My

14. My days are like a ſhadow that declineth: and I am withered like graſs. 102.11.

15. Becauſe of thine indignation, and thy wrath; for thou haſt lifted me up, and caſt me down. 102.10.

16. But thou, O Lord, ſhalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

II.

1. OUt of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. 130.1.

2. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my ſupplications. 130.2.

3. If thou, Lord, ſhould'ſt mark iniquities; O Lord, who ſhall ſtand? 130.3.

4. But there is forgiveneſs with thee; that thou mayeſt be feared. 130.4.

5. I wait for the Lord, my ſoul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. 130.5.

6. Bleſſed is he, whoſe tranſgreſſion is forgiven, whoſe ſin is covered. 32.1.

32. 2. 7. Bleſſed is the man, unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whoſe ſpirit there is no guile.

143. 1. 8. Hear my Prayer, O Lord, give ear to my ſupplications: in thy faithfulneſs anſwer me, and in thy righteouſneſs.

143. 2. 9. And enter not into judgment with thy ſervant: for in thy ſight ſhall no man living be juſtify'd.

143. 6. 10. I ſtretch forth my hands unto thee: my ſoul thirſteth after thee, as a thirſty land.

143. 7. 11. Hear me ſpeedily, O Lord, my ſpirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, leſt I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

143. 8. 12. Cauſe me to hear thy loving kindneſs in the morning, for in thee do I truſt: Cauſe me to know the way wherein I ſhould walk, for I lift up my ſoul unto thee.

143. 9. 13. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; I flee unto thee to hide me.

14.

14. Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God: thy ſpirit is good, lead me into the land of uprightneſs. 143.10.

15. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's ſake: for thy righteouſneſs ſake bring my ſoul out of trouble. 143.11.

16. I acknowledged my ſin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid: I ſaid, I will confeſs my tranſgreſſions unto the Lord; and thou forgaveſt the iniquity of my ſin. 32.5.

17. For this ſhall every one that is godly pray unto thee, in a time when thou may'ſt be found: ſurely in the floods of great waters, they ſhall not come nigh unto him. 32.6.

18. Thou art my hiding place, thou ſhalt preſerve me from trouble: thou ſhalt compaſs me about with ſongs of deliverance. 32.7.

III.

III.

51. 1. 1. HAve mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindneſs: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my tranſgreſſions.

51. 2. 2. Waſh me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanſe me from my ſin.

51. 3. 3. For I acknowledge my tranſgreſſions, and my ſin is ever before me.

51. 5. 4. Behold, I was ſhapen in iniquity; and in ſin did my mother conceive me.

51. 7. 5. Purge me with hyſſop, and I ſhall be clean; waſh me, and I ſhall be whiter than ſnow.

51. 8. 6. Make me to hear joy, and gladneſs; that the bones, which thou haſt broken, may rejoyce.

51. 9. 7. Hide thy face from my ſins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

51. 10. 8. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right ſpirit within me. 9. Caſt

9. Caſt me not away from thy preſence; and take not thy holy ſpirit from me. 51.11.

10. The ſacrifices of God are a broken ſpirit; a broken, and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not deſpiſe. 51.17.

11. Lord, all my deſire is before Thee; and my groning is not hid from Thee. 38.9.

12. For in Thee, O Lord, do I hope; thou wilt hear, O Lord my God. 38.15.

13. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be ſorry for my ſin. 38.18.

14. Forſake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me. 38.21.

15. Make haſt to help me, O Lord my ſalvation. 38.22.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the holy Ghoſt: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, world without end, Amen.

Leſſons

Lessons for a Week.

1 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Is.* 40. / 2 Less. } { *Joh.* 11.

2 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Is.* 38. / 2 Less. } { *Mat.* 25.

3 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Job*, 14. / 2 Less. } { *Luk.* 16.

4 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Job*, 19. / 2 Less. } { *Joh.* 15.

5 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Jon.* 2. / 2 Less. } { *Joh.* 16.

6 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Hab.* 3. / 2 Less. } { *Joh.* 17.

7 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Is.* 26. / 2 Less. } { *Luk.* 12.

After the firſt Leſſon.

WE praiſe thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worſhip thee, the Father everlaſting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the heavens, and all the powers therein.

To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven, and earth are full of the Majeſty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apoſtles praiſe Thee.

The goodly fellowſhip of the Prophets praiſe Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praiſe Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father of an infinite Majeſty;

Thine honourable, true, and only Son;

Alſo the Holy Ghoſt, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Chriſt.

Thou art the everlaſting Son of the Father.

When thou tookeſt upon thee to deliver man, thou didſt not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou had'ſt overcome the ſharpneſs of death, thou didſt open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou ſitteſt at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe, that thou ſhalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help thy ſervants, whom thou haſt redeemed with thy precious blood: Make them to be numbred with thy ſaints, in glory everlaſting.

O Lord, ſave thy people, and bleſs thine heritage.

Govern

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee: And we worſhip thy Name, ever world without end.

Vouchſafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without ſin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us; as our truſt is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I truſted; let me never be confounded.

After the ſecond Leſſon. Pſalm 93.

THe Lord reigneth, he is clothed with Majeſty; the Lord is clothed with ſtrength, wherewith he hath girded himſelf: the world alſo is eſtabliſhed, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is eſtabliſhed of old: thou art from everlaſting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

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The Lord on high is mightier than the noiſe of many waters, yea than the mighty waves of the Sea. Thy teſtimonies are very ſure: holineſs becometh thine houſe, O Lord, for ever.

The Creed of the Apoſtles.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jeſus Chriſt, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt; born of the Virgin Mary; ſuffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He deſcended into hell; the third day he roſe again from the dead; He aſcended into heaven; and ſitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he ſhall come to judge the quick, and the dead. I believe in the holy Ghoſt; the holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveneſs of ſins; the Reſurrection of the body; and the Life everlaſting, Amen. *Let*

Let us Pray.

REmember not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers. Spare us, good Lord, ſpare thy people, whom thou haſt redeemed with thy moſt precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Chriſt have mercy upon us.

OUr Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, ſave thy ſervant;
Which putteth *His* truſt in thee.

Send *Him* help from thy holy place;

And evermore mightily defend *Him.*

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Let the enemy have no advantage of *Him*;

Nor the wicked approach to hurt *Him*.

Be unto *Him*, O Lord, a ſtrong tower,

From the face of *His* Enemy.

O Lord, hear our Prayers:

And let our cry come unto thee.

O Lord, look down from Heaven, behold, viſit, and relieve this thy ſervant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; give *Him* comfort, and ſure confidence in thee; defend *Him* from the danger of the Enemy; and keep *Him* in perpetual peace, and ſafety, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

HEar us, Almighty, and moſt merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accuſtomed goodneſs to this thy Servant, who is grieved with Sickneſs; ſanctifie, we beſeech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him*; that the ſenſe of his weakneſs may add

add ſtrength to *his* Faith, and ſeriouſneſs to *his* Repentance. That if it ſhall be thy good pleaſure, to reſtore *him* to *his* former health, he may lead the reſidue of *his* Life in thy fear, and to thy glory: or elſe give *him* grace ſo to take thy viſitation, that after this painful Life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlaſting, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty, everlaſting God, maker of mankind, who doſt correct thoſe whom thou doſt love, and chaſtiſe every one whom thou doſt receive; We beſeech thee to have mercy upon this thy Servant viſited with thine hand; and to grant that *he* may take *his* Sickneſs patiently, and recover *his* bodily health; (if it be thy gracious will) and whenſoever *his* Soul ſhall depart from the Body, it may be without ſpot preſented unto thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

This Prayer is not to be uſed for one that is aged.

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the iſſues of life, and death; look down from Heaven, we humbly beſeech thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon this thy Servant now lying upon the Bed of Sickneſs: Viſit *him*, O Lord, with thy Salvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain; and ſave *his* Soul for thy mercies ſake. That if it ſhall be thy pleaſure to prolong *his* days here on Earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an inſtrument of thy glory, by ſerving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* Generation: or elſe receive *him* into thoſe Heavenly Habitations, where the Souls of them that ſleep in the Lord Jeſus, enjoy perpetual reſt, and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies ſake, in the ſame thy Son our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who liveth, and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, ever one God, World without end. *Amen.*

O

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou remembrest them no more; Open thine Eye of mercy upon this thy Servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon, and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud, and malice of the Devil, or by *his* own carnal Will, and frailness: preserve, and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, asswage *his* pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins; but strengthen *him* with thy blessed spirit: and whensoever thou shalt be pleased to take *him* from hence, take *him* unto thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This Prayer may ſometimes be omitted.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for ſuccour, in behalf of this thy Servant, here lying under thy hand in great weakneſs of body. Look graciouſly upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, ſtrengthen *him*, we beſeech thee, ſo much the more continually with thy grace, and holy ſpirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life paſt, and ſtedfaſt faith in thy Son Jeſus; that *his* ſins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon ſealed in Heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more ſeen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impoſſible with thee; and that if thou wilt, thou canſt raiſe *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongſt us: but howſoever thou ſhalt be pleaſed to deal with *him*, ſo fit, and prepare *him*, we beſeech thee, againſt the hour of

of death, whenever thy good providence ſhall order it; that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, *his* Soul may be receiv'd into thine everlaſting Kingdom, through the merits, and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O God, who art the author of Peace and lover of Concord, in knowledge of whom ſtandeth our eternal life, whoſe ſervice is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble Servants in all aſſaults of our Enemies; that we ſurely truſting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adverſary, through the might of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty, and everlaſting God, who haſt ſafely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the ſame with thy mighty power: and grant that this day we

fall into no ſin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always what is righteous in thy ſight, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator, and Preſerver of all Mankind, we humbly beſeech thee for all ſorts, and conditions of Men; that thou wouldeſt be pleaſed to make thy ways known unto them, thy ſaving health unto all nations. More eſpecially we pray for the good eſtate of the Catholick Church; that it may be ſo guided, and governed by thy good ſpirit, that all who profeſs, and call themſelves Chriſtians, may be led into the way of truth; and hold the faith in unity of ſpirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteouſneſs of life. Finally, we commend to thy Fatherly goodneſs, all thoſe who are any ways afflicted, or diſtreſſed, in mind, body, or eſtate; (eſpecially thy

thy Servant here visited with Sickness) that it may please thee to comfort, and relieve *him*, and them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils, that we most righteously have deserved: and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust, and confidence in thy mercy; and evermore serve thee in holiness, and pureness of living, to thy honour, and glory; through our only Mediator, and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, merciful Father, that deſpiſeſt not the ſighing of a contrite heart, nor the deſire of ſuch as be ſorrowful; mercifully aſſiſt our Prayers, that we make before thee in all our troubles, and adverſities, whenſoever they oppreſs us: and graciouſly hear us, that thoſe evils which the craft, and ſubtilty of the Devil, or Man worketh againſt us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodneſs they may be diſperſed; that we thy Servants being hurt by no afflictions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty, and everlaſting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities; and in all our dangers, and neceſſities, ſtretch forth thy right hand to help, and defend us, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O

O Lord, we beſeech thee favourably to hear our Prayers; that we, who are juſtly puniſhed for our Offences, may be mercifully deliver'd, for the glory of thy Name; and by thy great Goodneſs we may be governed, and preſerved evermore, both in Body, and Soul, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who alone canſt order the unruly Wills and Affections of ſinful men; grant unto thy People, that they may love the things which thou commandeſt, and deſire that which thou doſt promiſe; that ſo among the ſundry, and manifold changes of the World, our Hearts may ſurely there be fixed, where true Joys are to be found, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty

ALmighty God, unto whom all Hearts are open, all Deſires known, and from whom no Secrets are hid; cleanſe the Thoughts of our hearts, by the inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnifie thy holy Name, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, Father of all Mercies, we thine unworthy Servants do give thee moſt humble, and hearty Thanks, for all thy goodneſs, and loving-kindneſs to us, and to all men. We bleſs thee for our Creation, Preſervation, and all the Bleſſings of this life: but above all, for thine ineſtimable love, in the redemption of the World by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beſeech thee, give us that due ſenſe of all thy Mercies, that our Hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may

may ſhew forth thy Praiſe, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up our ſelves to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all our days; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour, and glory, World without end. *Amen.*

ASſiſt us mercifully, O Lord, in theſe our Supplications, and Prayers; and diſpoſe the way of thy Servants towards the attainment of everlaſting ſalvation: that among all the changes, and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy moſt gracious, and ready help, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord, and Everlaſting God, vouchſafe, we beſeech thee, to direct, ſanctifie, and govern both our Hearts, and Bodies, in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of thy Commandments; that through

through thy moſt mighty protection, both here, and ever, we may be preſerved in Body, and Soul, through our Lord, and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O God, our refuge, and ſtrength, who art the Author of all Godlineſs: Be ready, we beſeech thee, to hear our Prayers; and grant that thoſe things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

THe grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Evening

Evening Prayer
FOR THE
SICK.

Preparatory Sentences.

THE Hour is coming, in which all that are in the Graves ſhall hear his voice, and ſhall come forth; they that have done good, unto the reſurrection of Life; and they that have done evil, unto the reſurrection of Damnation. Joh. 5. 28, 29.

I muſt work the works of him that ſent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. Joh. 9. 4.

Phil. 1. 23. I am in a ſtrait, having a deſire to depart, and to be with Chriſt.

Jer. 10. 24. O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, leſt thou bring me to nothing.

1 Cor. 11. 32. When we are judged, we are chaſtned of the Lord, that we ſhould not be condemned with the World.

Job, 5. 17, 18. Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore deſpiſe not thou the chaſtning of the Almighty: For he maketh ſore, and bindeth up; he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

Job, 2. 10. Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and ſhall we not receive evil?

Heb 9. 27. It is appointed unto Men once to die, but after this the Judgment.

Rev. 22. 14 Bleſſed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the Gates into the City.

1 Joh. 2. 1. & 1. 9. If any man ſin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jeſus Chriſt the righteous. If we confeſs our ſins,

ſins, he is faithful, and juſt, to forgive us our ſins, and to cleanſe us from all unrighteouſneſs.

Let us pray.

LEt thy merciful Ears, O Lord, be open to the Prayers of thy humble Servants; and that we may obtain our Petitions, make us to ask ſuch things as ſhall pleaſe thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge, and bewail our manifold ſins, and wickedneſs: which we from time to time moſt grievouſly have committed, by thought, word, and deed, againſt thy Divine Majeſty; provoking moſt juſtly thy Wrath, and Indignation againſt us. We do earneſtly repent, and are heartily ſorry for theſe our Miſdoings; the remembrance of them

is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, moſt Merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, forgive us all that is paſt; and grant that we may ever hereafter ſerve, and pleaſe thee in newneſs of life; to the honour, and glory of thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beſeech thee, mercifully hear our Prayers, and ſpare all thoſe who confeſs their ſins unto thee: that they whoſe Conſciences by ſin are accuſed, by thy merciful Pardon may be abſolved, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Moſt Mighty God, and Merciful Father, who haſt Compaſſion upon all men, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made; who wouldeſt not the death of a Sinner, but that he ſhould rather turn

turn from his ſin, and be ſaved: Mercifully forgive us our Treſpaſſes; receive, and comfort us, who are grieved, and wearied with the burden of our ſins. Thy Property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive Sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, ſpare thy People whom thou haſt redeemed; enter not into Judgment with thy Servants, who are vile Earth, and miſerable Sinners: but ſo turn thine Anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileneſs, and truly repent us of our faults; and ſo make haſt to help us in this World, that we may ever live with thee in the World to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily Bread; And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs

againſt us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever, and ever. *Amen.*

A Pſalm gather'd from theſe Pſalms, the 16,25,31,63,71,73. *and* 94.

I

71. 1. 1. IN thee, O Lord, do I put my truſt; let me never be put to confuſion.

71. 2. 2. Deliver me in thy righteouſneſs, and cauſe me to eſcape: incline thine Ear unto me, and ſave me.

71. 3. 3. Be thou my ſtrong habitation, whereunto I may continually reſort: for thou art my rock, and my fortreſs.

71. 4, 5. 4. Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked: for thou art my hope, O Lord God; thou art my truſt from my youth.

5. By

5. By thee I have been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my Mothers bowels; my praiſe ſhall be continually of thee. 71.6.

6. Let my mouth be filled with thy Praiſe, and with thy Honour all the day. 71.8.

7. O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haſte for my help. 71.12.

8. My mouth ſhall ſhew forth thy Righteouſneſs, and thy Salvation all the day: for I know not the numbers thereof. 71.15.

9. I will go in the ſtrength of the Lord God; I will make mention of thy Righteouſneſs, which is very high: O God, who is like unto thee? 71.16, 19.

10. Thou which haſt ſhewed me great, and ſore Troubles, ſhalt quicken me again; and ſhalt bring me up again from the depth of the Earth. 71.20.

11. My Lips ſhall greatly rejoyce, when I ſing unto thee: and my 71.23.

Soul which thou haſt redeemed.

94. 12. 12. Bleſſed is the man whom thou chaſteneſt, O Lord; and teacheſt him out of thy Law.

94. 17. 13. Unleſs the Lord had been my help, my Soul had almoſt dwelt in ſilence.

94. 18. 14. When I ſaid, my foot ſlippeth; thy Mercy, O Lord, held me up.

94. 19. 15. In the multitude of my Thoughts within me, thy Comforts delight my Soul.

94. 22. 16. For the Lord is my defence: and my God is the Rock of my refuge.

II.

25. 1. 1. UNto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my Soul.

25. 4. 2. Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

25. 5. 3. Lead me in thy Truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my Salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

4. Remember

4. Remember, O Lord, thy tender Mercies, and thy loving Kindneſſes: for they have been ever of old. 25.6.

5. Remember not the ſins of my youth, nor my tranſgreſſions: according to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodneſs ſake, O Lord. 25.7.

6. For thy Name's ſake, O Lord, pardon mine Iniquity: for it is great. 25.11.

7. Mine eyes are ever towards the Lord: for he ſhall pluck my feet out of the Net. 25.15.

8. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am deſolate, and afflicted. 25.16.

9. The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my diſtreſſes. 25.17.

10. Look upon mine affliction, and my pain; and forgive all my ſins. 25.18.

11. O keep my Soul, and deliver me: let me not be aſhamed, for I put my truſt in thee. 25.20.

31.19. 12. O, how great is thy goodneſs, which thou haſt laid up for them that fear thee; which thou haſt wrought for them that truſt in thee, before the Sons of men!

31.15, 16. 13. My times are in thy hand: Make thy face to ſhine upon thy Servant, and ſave me for thy Mercy's ſake.

31.5. 14. Into thine hand I commit my Spirit: thou haſt redeemed me, O Lord God of Truth.

III.

63.1. 1. O God, thou art my God, early will I ſeek thee: my Soul thirſteth for thee, my fleſh longeth for thee, in a dry, and thirſty land, where no water is.

63.3. 2. Becauſe thy loving-kindneſs is better than life, my lips ſhall praiſe thee.

63.4 3. Thus will I bleſs thee, while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy Name.

4. My

4. My Soul ſhall be ſatisfied as with marrow and fatneſs: and my mouth ſhall praiſe thee with joyful lips: 63. 5.

5. When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the Night-watches. 63. 6.

6. My Soul followeth hard after thee; thy right hand upholdeth me. 63. 8.

7. Preſerve me, O God, for in thee do I put my truſt. 16. 1.

8. O my Soul, thou haſt ſaid unto the Lord, thou art my Lord: my goodneſs extendeth not to thee. 16. 2.

9. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup: thou maintaineſt my lot. 16. 5.

10. I have ſet the Lord always before me: becauſe he is at my right hand, I ſhall not be moved. 16. 8.

11. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoyceth: my fleſh alſo ſhall reſt in hope. 16. 9.

12. For

16.11. 12. For thou wilt ſhew me the path of life: in thy preſence is fulneſs of Joy; at thy right hand there are Pleaſures for evermore.

73.25. 13. Whom have I in Heaven, but thee? and there is none upon Earth that I deſire beſides thee.

73.26. 14. My fleſh, and my heart faileth: but God is the ſtrength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

73.24. 15. Thou ſhalt guide me with thy counſel; and afterward receive me to glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, World without end. Amen.

Leſſons

Lessons for a Week.

1 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Lam.* 3. / 2 Less. } { 2 *Cor.* 5.

2 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Job*, 7. / 2 Less. } { *Phil.* 3.

3 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Job*, 21. / 2 Less. } { 1 *Thess.* c. 4. from *v.* 13. and *c.* 5.

4 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Job*, 33. / 2 Less. } { *Heb.* 12.

5 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Mal.* 3. / 2 Less. } { *Rom.* 8.

6 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Eccl.* 11. / 2 Less. } { 1 *Pet.* 1.

7 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Is.* 64. / 2 Less. } { 1 *Cor.* 15.

After

After the first Lesson, Psal 24.

THe Earth is the Lord's, and the fulneſs thereof; the World, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the Seas, and eſtabliſh'd it upon the Floods.

Who ſhall aſcend into the Hill of the Lord? and who ſhall ſtand in his Holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lift up his Soul to vanity, nor ſworn deceitfully.

He ſhall receive the bleſſing from the Lord, and righteouſneſs from the God of his ſalvation.

This is the generation of them that ſeek him; that ſeek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlaſting doors; and the King of Glory ſhall come in.

Who

Who is this King of Glory? the Lord ſtrong, and mighty, the Lord mighty in battel.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up ye everlaſting doors; and the King of glory ſhall come in.

Who is this King of Glory? the Lord of hoſts, he is the King of Glory.

After the Second Leſſon.

LOrd, now letteſt thou thy Servant depart in peace; according to thy word.

For mine eyes have ſeen thy ſalvation:

Which thou haſt prepared before the faceof all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles; and to be the glory of thy people Iſrael.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, World without end. Amen.

The

The Nicene Creed.

I Believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things viſible, and inviſible. And in one Lord Jeſus Chriſt, the only begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all Worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one ſubſtance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us Men, and for our Salvation came down from Heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghoſt of the Virgin Mary; and was made Man; and was crucified alſo for us under Pontius Pilate: He ſuffered, and was buried; and the third day he roſe again, according to the Scriptures; and aſcended into Heaven; and ſitteth on the right hand of the Father: and he ſhall come again with glory, to judge both the quick, and the dead:

dead: Whoſe Kingdom ſhall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghoſt, the Lord, and giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father, and the Son; who with the Father, and the Son together is worſhipped, and glorify'd; who ſpake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick, and Apoſtolick Church: I acknowledge one Baptiſm for the Remiſſion of Sins: and I look for the Reſurrection of the Dead; and the Life of the World to come. *Amen.*

Let us Pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Chriſt, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as

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we forgive them that Treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into Temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, and ever. *Amen.*

ALmighty, and everlaſting God, who hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, and doſt forgive the Sins of all them that are penitent; Create, and make in us new, and contrite Hearts; that we worthily lamenting our Sins, and acknowledging our wretchedneſs, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remiſſion, and forgiveneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

OGod, from whom all holy deſires, all good counſels, and all juſt works do proceed; Give unto thy Servants that peace, which the World cannot give; that both our hearts may be ſet to obey thy commandments; and alſo that

that by thee we being defended from the fear of our Enemies, may paſs our time in reſt, and quietneſs, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

LIghten our Darkneſs, we beſeech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils, and dangers of this Night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who doſt govern all things in Heaven, and Earth; mercifully hear our Supplications, and grant us thy Peace all the days of our life; and ſuch ſtrength, and protection, as may ſupport us in all dangers, and carry us through all Temptations; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who ſeeſt that we have no power of our ſelves to help our ſelves; Keep us both outwardly in our Bodies, and inwardly in our Souls; that we may be defended from all Adverſities which may happen to the Body, and from all evil Thoughts which may aſſault, and hurt the Soul; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble Servants, that by thy holy Inſpiration we may think thoſe things that be good; and by thy merciful guiding may perform the ſame, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O God, the ſtrength of all them that put their truſt in thee; Keep us, we beſeech thee, under the protection of thy good Providence; and make us to have a per-

perpetual fear, and love of thy holy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beſeech thee, abſolve us from our offences; that by thy bountiful Goodneſs, we may be deliver'd from the Bands of thoſe Sins, which by our frailty we have committed; and may by thy mighty aid be defended, and comforted in all dangers, and adverſities, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the Protector of all that truſt in thee, we pray thee, that thy grace may always prevent, and follow us; and that thou being our Ruler, and Guide, we may ſo paſs through things Temporal, that we finally loſe not the things Eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who haſt prepared for them that love thee, ſuch good things as paſs Man's underſtanding; Pour into our Hearts ſuch love towards thee, that we loving thee above all things, may obtain thy Promiſes, which exceed all that we can deſire; and that through the Grave, and Gate of death, we may paſs to our joyful Reſurrection, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whoſe never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in Heaven, and Earth; We humbly beſeech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us thoſe things which be profitable for us; that we may faithfully ſerve thee in this life, and fail not finally to attain thy heavenly Promiſes, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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O God, whoſe nature, and property is ever to have mercy, and to forgive; receive our humble Petitions; and tho' we be tied, and bound with the chain of our ſins, yet let the pitifulneſs of thy great mercy looſe us, for the honour of Jeſus Chriſt our Mediator, and Advocate. *Amen.*

O God, who declareſt thy Almighty power, moſt chiefly in ſhewing mercy, and pity; Mercifully grant unto us ſuch a meaſure of thy grace, that we running the way of thy Commandments, may obtain thy gracious Promiſes; and be made partakers of thy heavenly Treaſure, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty, and everlaſting God, who art always more ready to hear, than we to pray; Mercifully grant, that thy holy Spirit may in all things direct, and rule

our Hearts: and pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us thoſe things whereof our Conſcience is afraid, and giving us thoſe good things which we are not worthy to ask; but through the Merits, and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Here ſuch Prayers for the Sick Perſon, as ſhall be thought needful, may be taken in from the Morning Service.

GRant, we beſeech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil Deeds do worthily deſerve to be puniſhed, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved: and that we may come to thoſe unſpeakable Joys, which thou haſt prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee, through our Lord, and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Almighty

ALmighty God, who haſt given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common ſupplications unto thee; and doſt Promiſe, that when two, or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requeſts; Fulfil now, O Lord, the Deſires, and Petitions of thy Servants, (and eſpecially of this thy afflicted Servant) as may be moſt expedient for them; granting us in this World knowledge of thy truth, and in the World to come life everlaſting. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Love of God, and the Fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Occaſional Prayers

FOR THE

SICK.

A Prayer for one troubled in Mind.

O Bleſſed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts; we beſeech thee, look down in Pity, and Compaſſion upon this thy afflicted Servant. Thou writeſt bitter things againſt *him*, and makeſt *him* to poſſeſs *his* former iniquities; thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* Soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who haſt written thy holy Word for our learning, that we through

through patience, and comfort of thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give *him* a right underſtanding of *himſelf*, and of thy Threats, and Promiſes; that *he* may neither caſt away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee. Give *him* ſtrength againſt all *his* Temptations, and heal all *his* Diſtempers. Break not the bruiſed Reed, nor quench the ſmoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in diſpleaſure; but make *him* to hear of joy, and gladneſs, that the Bones which thou haſt broken may rejoyce. Deliver *him* from fear of the Enemy, and lift up the light of thy Countenance upon *him*; and give *him* peace, through the Merits, and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers

Prayers to be ſaid with a ſick perſon.

From Bp. *Patrick.*

O Lord, the Father of our Spirits, who giveſt us life, and breath, and all things; we ſinful duſt, and aſhes, bluſh to lift up our Eyes unto Heaven, when we conſider thy Holineſs, and our Impurity; thy Wiſdom, and our Folly; thy Power, and our Weakneſs, thy Eternity, and our ſhort continuance. But ſo great is thy mercy, that thou haſt encourag'd us to approach unto thee with ſome confidence, that thou wilt graciouſly receive us, tho' we have highly offended thee: having ſent thy Son into the World to ſave Sinners, and to comfort us with the hope of immortal Life. Behold, O Lord, the oblation which we make to thee, of thankful Hearts devoted to thy Service: whoſe love, and tender mercies have ſo exceedingly abounded towards us. We praiſe thee for this great Salvation; and hum-

humbly hope, that thou who haſt not ſpared thy own Son, but haſt deliver'd him up for us all, wilt with him alſo freely give us all things. O thou Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who haſt not thought a Crown of everlaſting Life too much to promiſe us; We believe, that thou wilt not deny us what is needful, and fit for us, both for our Souls, and our Bodies, in our paſſage through this World to that honour, glory, and immortality. In this confidence we more particularly recommend this thy ſick ſervant to thy infinite, and moſt compaſſionate mercy. Settle in *his* Soul a ſtedfaſt Faith, that thou doſt not willingly grieve the children of Men; but intendeſt good to *him* by this affliction. And now that other pleaſures and enjoyments fail *him*, repreſent thy ſelf effectually unto *him*, as *his* true Happineſs, and Satisfaction. Wherein ſoever *he* hath neglected thee, or committed any offence againſt

againſt thee, make *him* deeply ſenſible of it; and heartily ſorrowful for all *his* Tranſgreſſions. And as *he* earneſtly deſires pardon, and forgiveneſs of thee; ſo work in *him* a ſerious reſolution, to live more circumſpectly, and righteouſly for the time to come. Aſſiſt *him* graciouſly, O Lord; that *he* may give a proof of his ſincere intentions, hereafter to ſubmit *himſelf* in all things to thy Will, by *his* patient ſubmiſſion to thy Fatherly correction now. O that *he* may ſo quietly, ſo meekly, ſo humbly, and chearfully reſign *his* will unto thee, to ſuffer what thou inflicteſt; that *he* may be the more diſpoſed to do readily whatſoever thou commandeſt. For which end make *him* throughly apprehenſive of thy ſoveraign power, and authority over all Creatures. Poſſeſs *him* with a great reverence of thy Wiſdom, and Juſtice; with an entire confidence in thy goodneſs, and love; and with a thankful remembrance

of

of all thy paſt mercies to *him*, which have been innumerable. That ſo *he* may the better endure, what thou layeſt upon *him* at preſent, and may ever chooſe to follow thy directions, and ſubmit to thy orders, and delight to do thy Will, O God.

Bleſs the remedies that are uſed, for the reſtoring *him* to *his* former health; that *he* may live to perform *his* holy purpoſes. Or if thou haſt otherwiſe appointed, accept of them graciouſly; and diſpoſe *him* to return back *his* ſpirit willingly unto thee who gaveſt it; and with great humility, and deep ſenſe of his own undeſervings, to expect thy mercy declared in Chriſt Jeſus. Fix *his* mind ſtedfaſtly upon him, who hath led the way through the Grave unto Heaven: that *he* may not be affrighted with the approaches of Death; but looking beyond it to that high, and holy place, where the Lord Jeſus is, may rejoyce in hope of Eternal Glory. And

And grant that every one of us, in our beſt eſtate of health, may conſider perpetually how frail, and weak we are. That ſo we may not abuſe our ſelves by an intemperate uſe of any of the pleaſures of Senſe; nor load our Minds with the cares of this Life; nor ſpend our days in a vain purſuit of the honour, and glory of this World: but may paſs all the time of our ſojourning here in fear; and may live ſo righteouſly, and ſoberly in this preſent World, as becomes thoſe who expect ſhortly to give an account to thee, who wilt judge all Men according to their works. Hear us, O Lord, we moſt humbly beſeech thee, through Chriſt Jeſus our merciful, and compaſſionate High Prieſt; who ſits at thy Right Hand, and lives for ever to make interceſſion for us. *Amen.*

I.

ALmighty God, Father of mercies, the God of Peace, and Comfort, of Reſt, and Pardon; we thy Servants, tho' unworthy to pray to thee, yet in Duty to thee, and Charity to our *Brother*, humbly beg mercy of thee for *him*, to deſcend upon *his* Body, and *his* Soul. We come to thee in the Name of Jeſus, for the Merits of our Saviour, and the Mercies of our God, praying thee to pardon the ſins of this thy Servant, and to put them all upon the accounts of the Croſs, and to bury them in the Grave of Jeſus: that they may never riſe up in judgment againſt *him*, nor bring *him* in the day of Trial to ſhame, and confuſion of Face. *Amen.* From Bp. *Taylor.*

II.

II.

GIve thy Servant, O Lord, Patience in *his* Sorrows, Comfort in *his* Sickneſs; and reſtore *him* to health, if it ſeem good to thee. And however thou ſhalt determine concerning *him* in this affair, yet make *his* Repentance perfect, and *his* Faith ſtrong, and *his* Hope ſtedfaſt, and *his* Paſſage ſafe: that when thou ſhalt call *his* Soul from the Priſon of the Body, it may enter into the Reſt of the Sons of God, and the Boſom of Bleſſedneſs, with the Holy Jeſus. *Amen.*

III.

O Lord, thou knoweſt all the neceſſities, and all the infirmities of thy Servant: fortify *his* Soul with ſpiritual Joys, and perfect reſignation; and take from *him* all inordinate affections to this World;

World; and enlarge his Heart with desires of being with thee, and of freedom from sin, and of the fruition of God. *Amen.*

IV.

LOrd, let not any Pain, or Passion discompose the order of *his* Thoughts, or *his* Duty: and lay no more upon thy Servant, than thou wilt make *him* able to bear; and together with the Temptation do thou provide a way to escape; even by the mercies of a longer, and more holy Life; or by the mercies of a blessed death: even as it pleaseth thee, O Lord, so let it be. *Amen.*

V.

LOrd, let the tenderness of *his* Conscience, and the Spirit of God call to mind *his* sins, that they may be confessed, and repented of: and let thy powerful Grace

remove from *his* Soul every root of bitterneſs: and in the union of the holy Jeſus, and in the love of God, and in the communion of all the Saints, let this Soul be preſented to thee blameleſs, and entirely pardon'd, and throughly waſhed, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

VI.

O Holy, and moſt gracious Saviour, in whoſe Hands the Souls of all faithful People are laid up till the day of recompence; have mercy upon the Soul, and Body of this thy Servant: refreſh *him* with the aids of the Spirit of grace, and comfort; and ſupply all *his* neceſſities known only unto thee. Let *him* dwell in peace, feeling thy pardon, ſupported by thy goodneſs, abſolved by thy ſentence, and ſaved by thy mercy: that whenever *his* Soul ſhall go out from the Body, it may be received

ceived by Angels, and preſerved from Evil Spirits, and laid up in thy Boſom: and that at the day of thy ſecond coming, his Body may be raiſed up with power, to behold for ever the Face of God, in the Glories of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one that lies under a ſudden Stroke.

From Bp. *Taylour.*

O Moſt gracious Father, Lord of Heaven, and Earth, Judge of the living, and the dead; behold thy Servants running to thee for pity, and mercy, in behalf of our ſelves, and this thy Servant, whom thou haſt ſuddenly ſmitten with thy Rod. If it be thy will, preſerve *his* life, that there may be place for *his* repentance and reſtitution: O ſpare *him* a little, that *he* may recover *his* ſtrength, before *he* goe hence, and be no more ſeen. But if thou haſt otherwiſe decreed, let the miracles of thy Compaſſion, and thy wonderful

Mercy ſupply to *him* the want of the uſual meaſures of Time, and the periods of Repentance, and the trimming of *his* Lamp: and let the greatneſs of the Calamity be accepted by thee, as an Inſtrument to procure pardon for thoſe defects, and degrees of unreadineſs, which may have cauſed this Accident upon thy Servant. Lord, ſtir up in *him* a great, and effectual Contrition; that the greatneſs of *his* Sorrow, and hatred againſt ſin; and the zeal of *his* love to thee, may in a ſhort time do the work of many days. And thou who regardeſt the Heart, and the meaſures of the Mind more than thoſe of Time, be pleas'd to reſcue the Soul of thy Servant, from all the Evils *he* hath deſerv'd, and all the Evils *he* fears: that in the Songs of Eternity it may be reckon'd among thy glories, that thou haſt redeemed this Soul from the dangers of Eternal death; and made *him* partaker of the gift of God,

Eternal

Eternal life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Parent's Prayer for a ſick Child.

O Lord, by whoſe infinite Goodneſs I was brought into this World, and by whoſe indulgent Care I have been continu'd here unto this time; in the enjoyment of many Bleſſings, of the leaſt of which I am unworthy: I thank thee, that to all other Comforts of this life thou haſt added the gift of this Child; whom thou haſt preſerved in the womb, and the birth, and ever ſince, by a marvellous Providence. I am ſenſible, that all I have is thine: and that I am but intruſted with this, as with all other good things; which I muſt return to thee whenſoever thou pleaſeſt. Lord, aſſiſt me with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that I may reſign this Child to thee (if thou art pleaſed now to call for it) From Bp. *Patrick.*

with an humble, contented, patient, and thankful Mind: believing thou knoweſt what is better for me, and for this Child, than I do my ſelf; and wilt certainly recompence ſuch meek, and quiet ſubmiſſion to thee, with as good, or better Enjoyments than thoſe thou takeſt away. But if thou thinkeſt good ſtill to prolong the days of this Child, and to continue it with me; behold, O Lord, the unfeigned purpoſe of my Heart, faithfully to diſcharge my truſt, and to bring it up in the fear, and nurture of the Lord. Unto thee, O Lord, I moſt heartily recommend both it, and my ſelf; whoſe Wiſdom knows where it is beſt to place thy Creatures, whether in this or in the other World; and whoſe Goodneſs deſigns to make us happy in both. To thee the only wiſe, and good God, be all Praiſe, Honour, Glory, and Thankſgiving; with Fear, and Reverence, Love, and Obedience, both now, and eternally. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Woman at the time of her Travel.

From Bp. *Patrick.*

O Moſt Mighty Lord, who haſt given us innumerable pledges of thy Love; and encouraged us to truſt in thee for ever, and to expect with quiet, and patient Minds the iſſue of thy wiſe, and good Providence: We moſt humbly commend thy Servant, in this her extremity, to thy care, and bleſſing; beſeeching thee to give her a gracious Deliverance, and to eaſe her of the burden wherewith ſhe labours. We our ſelves are Monuments of that Mercy, which we beg of thee. Thou broughteſt us into this World, and didſt unlooſe the bands, wherewith we were ſwadled in our Mothers Womb. We have alſo had long Experience of thy readineſs to ſuccour us, and to do us good ever ſince; many times beyond our hopes, and always beyond our deſervings.

ſervings. We dare not but commit our ſelves, and every thing belonging unto us, moſt heartily into thy hands: remembring that thou haſt the ſame Power, and Goodneſs ſtill, by which we came into the light of the Living. We cannot deſire to be better provided for, than as thy infinite Wiſdom judgeth moſt convenient for us: unto that we refer our ſelves; beſeeching thee, (if it be thy good pleaſure) that her Deliverance may be as ſpeedy, as her Cries unto thee; or her Patience as great, and long as her Pains. Thou who ripeneſt the Fruits of the Earth, and then giveſt us the gathering of them to our comfort; blaſt not our humble hopes of the Fruit of the Womb; but after thou haſt brought it to maturity, deliver it into our hands, as a new pledge of thy Goodneſs to us; for which we will ever praiſe thy Name. Or if thou haſt otherwiſe determin'd; Lord, give us grace to ſubmit to thy holy Will,

Will, and to reſt ſatisfy'd in thy wiſe Appointments, and never to diſtruſt thy Goodneſs, and Care over us. Hear us, O Father of Mercies, and pardon our Offences, and pity our Infirmities: make us more thankful for what we have receiv'd, and more fit for the Bleſſing which we now requeſt; and prepare us for all thy future Mercies, either in this life, or in the next; through thy infinite Love, and Compaſſion declared to us, in Chriſt Jeſus our Lord. *Amen.*

A Commendatory Prayer at the point of Departure.

O Almighty God, with whom do live the Spirits of Juſt men made perfect, after they are delivered from their Earthly Priſons; We humbly commend the Soul of this thy Servant, our dear *Brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a Faithful Creatour, and moſt Merciful Saviour; moſt humbly

bly beſeeching thee, that it may be precious in thy ſight. Waſh it, we pray thee, in the Blood of that Immaculate Lamb, that was ſlain to take away the ſins of the World; that whatſoever defilements it may have contracted, in the midſt of this miſerable, and naughty World, through the luſts of the Fleſh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged, and done away; it may be preſented pure, and without ſpot before thee. And teach us who ſurvive, in this, and other like daily Spectacles of Mortality, to ſee how frail, and uncertain our own condition is; and ſo to number our days, that we may ſeriouſly apply our Hearts to that holy, and heavenly Wiſdom, whilſt we live here, which may in the end bring us to life Everlaſting, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

A Litany for a Sick perſon in danger of Death.

O God the Father of Heaven, Have mercy upon *him*, Keep, and defend *him*. From Bp. *Andrews.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
Have mercy upon *him*,
Save, and deliver *him*.

O God, the Holy Ghoſt, proceeding from the Father, and the Son,
Have mercy upon *him*.
Strengthen, and comfort *him*.

O holy, bleſſed, and glorious Trinity,
Have mercy upon *him*.

Remember not, Lord, *his* offences: call not to mind the offences of *his* Forefathers: but ſpare *him*, good Lord, ſpare thy Servant, whom thou haſt redeemed with thy precious Blood; and be not angry with *him* for ever.

From thy Wrath, and heavy Indignation; from the fear of Death;

Death; from the guilt, and burthen of *his* Sins; and from the dreadful Sentence of the laſt Judgment;

Good Lord, deliver *him.*

From the ſting, and terrours of Conſcience; from the danger of Impatience, diſtruſt, or deſpair; and from the extremity of Sickneſs, Anguiſh, or Agony, that may any way withdraw *his* mind from thee;

Good Lord, deliver *him.*

From the bitter pangs of Eternal Death; from the gates of Hell; from the powers of Darkneſs; and from the illuſions, and aſſaults of our Ghoſtly Enemy;

Good Lord, deliver *him.*

From all danger, and diſtreſs; from all terrours, and torments; from all pains, and puniſhments, both of the Body, and the Soul;

Good Lord, deliver *him.*

By thy manifold, and great Mercies; by the manifold, and great Merits of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son; by his Agony, and bloody Sweat; by his ſtrong Crying, and Tears; by his

his bitter Croſs, and Paſſion; by his mighty Reſurrection, and glorious Aſcenſion; by his effectual, and moſt acceptable Interceſſion, and Mediation; and by the graces, and comforts of the Holy Ghoſt;

Good Lord, deliver *him.*

In this time of Extremity; in *his* laſt, and greateſt need; in the hour of Death; and in the day of Judgment;

Good Lord, deliver *him.*

We Sinners do beſeech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may pleaſe thee to be *his* defender and keeper; to remember *him* with the favour thou beareſt unto thy People, and to viſit *him* with thy ſalvation;

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee to ſave, and deliver *his* Soul from the power of the Enemy, and to receive it to thy Mercy; and to give *him* a quiet, and joyful departure;

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That

That it may pleaſe thee to be merciful, and to forgive all *his* ſins and miſdeeds, which at any time of *his* life *he* hath committed againſt thee;

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in the luſt of the Fleſh, or in the luſt of the Eyes, or in the pride of Life, *he* hath committed againſt thee;

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in the fierceneſs of *his* wrath, or in vain, and idle words, *he* hath committed againſt thee;

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee to make *him* partaker of all thy Mercies, and Promiſes in Chriſt Jeſus;

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That

That it may pleaſe thee to vouchſafe *his* Soul the eſtate of Joy, Bliſs, and Happineſs, with all thy bleſſed Saints, in thy heavenly Kingdom;

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee to grant *his* Body reſt, and peace, and a part in the bleſſed Reſurrection of Life, and Glory;

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beſeech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takeſt away the ſins of the World;

Grant *him* thy Peace.

O Lamb of God, that takeſt away the ſins of the World;

Have mercy upon *him.*

OUr Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily Bread; and

and forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

O Lord, deal not with *him* after *his* ſins:
Neither reward *him* after *his* iniquities.

O God, Merciful Father, that deſpiſeſt not the ſighing of a Contrite heart, nor the deſires of ſuch as be ſorrowful; mercifully aſſiſt our Prayers, that we make before thee, in all our Troubles, and Adverſities, whenſoever they oppreſs us: and graciouſly hear us, that thoſe Evils, and Illuſions, which thine, or our Enemy worketh againſt us, may be brought to nought; that all we, and particularly this thy Servant, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy Holy Church, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Forms of recommending the Soul to God. From Bp. *Andrews.*

LORD, now letteſt thou thy Servant depart in peace. Luc. 2. 29.

Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend *his* Spirit: for thou haſt redeemed it, O Lord, thou God of Truth. Pſal. 31. 5.

Bring *his* Soul out of Priſon, that it may praiſe thee. Pſ 142. 9.

O deliver *him* from this body of death. Rom 7. 24.

Say unto *his* Soul, I am thy ſalvation. Pſal. 35. 3.

Say unto *him*, To day ſhalt thou be with me in Paradiſe. Luc. 23. 43.

Let *him* now feel the ſalvation of Jeſus.

Let *him* now feel the anointing of Chriſt.

Guide thou *him* through the Valley of the ſhadow of Death. Pſal. 23. 4.

Let *him* ſee the goodneſs of the Lord in the Land of the living. Pſal. 27. 13.

O Lord, command *his* Spirit to be received up to thee in peace.

Act. 7. 59. Lord Jeſus, receive *his* Spirit; and open to *him* the gates of Everlaſting glory.

Let thy good Spirit conduct *him* into the land of Righteouſneſs; into thy holy Hill, and heavenly Kingdom.

Luc. 16. 22. Send thine Angels to meet *him*, and to bring *him* into *Abraham*'s Boſom.

Place *him* in the habitation of light, and peace; of joy, and gladneſs.

Receive *him* in the arms of thy Mercy; and give *him* an inheritance with thy Saints in light.

There let *him* be with thy elect Angels, thy bleſſed Saints departed, thy holy Prophets, and glorious Apoſtles; in all joy, glory, felicity, and happineſs, for ever, and ever. *Amen.*

Into

INto thy merciful hands, O Lord, we commend the Soul of this thy Servant, now departing from the Body: acknowledge, we meekly beſeech thee, a work of thine own hands, a Sheep of thine own fold, a Lamb of thine own flock, a Sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the bleſſed Arms of thy unſpeakable mercy, into the ſacred reſt of everlaſting peace, and into the glorious eſtate of thy choſen Saints in Heaven. *Amen.* From Bp. *Coſins.*

God the Father, who hath created thee; God the Son, who hath redeemed thee; God the Holy Ghoſt, who hath infuſed his grace into thee; be now, and evermore thy defence, aſſiſt thee in this thy laſt trial, and bring thee into the way of everlaſting life. *Amen.*

Chriſt that redeemed thee with his Agony, and bloody death, have mercy upon thee, and ſtrengthen thee in this agony of death. *Amen.*

Chriſt Jeſus that roſe the third day from death, raiſe up thy body again in the reſurrection of the Juſt. *Amen.*

Chriſt that aſcended into Heaven, and now ſitteth at the right hand of God, bring thee to the place of eternal happineſs, and joy. *Amen.*

God the Father preſerve, and keep thee; God the Son aſſiſt, and ſtrengthen thee; God the Holy Spirit defend, and aid thee; God the Holy Trinity be ever with thee: that thy death may be precious in the ſight of the Lord, with whom thou ſhalt live for evermore. *Amen.*

O thou Lamb of God, that takeſt away the ſins of the world, grant *him* thy peace.

O Lord, with whom do live the Spirits of them that die; and by whom the Souls of thy ſervants, after they be delivered from the burthen of this fleſh, are in perpetual joy, and felicity: We moſt hum-

humbly beſeech thee for this thy Servant, that *he* may now receive abſolution from all *his* ſins, which *he* hath committed in this world; and may eſcape the gates of Hell, and the pains of Eternal Darkneſs: and that *he* may for ever dwell with *Abraham*, *Iſaac* and *Jacob*, in the Region of Light, and thy Bleſſed Preſence; where there is neither weeping, nor heavineſs, nor death: and that when the dreadful day of the general Judgment ſhall come, *he* may riſe again with the Juſt; *his* Body being reunited to *his* Soul, pure and incorruptible; and may be received into thy glorious Kingdom, for the merits of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

I.

O Holy, and moſt Gracious Saviour Jeſus, we humbly recommend the Soul of thy Servant into thy hands, thy moſt merciful From Bp. *Taylor.*

ciful hands: Let thy bleſſed Angels ſtand in miniſtry about thy Servant; and defend *him* from the violence, and malice of all *his* ghoſtly Enemies; and drive far from hence all the Spirits of Darkneſs. *Amen.*

II.

LOrd, receive the Soul of this thy Servant: Enter not into judgment with *him*: Spare *him* whom thou haſt redeemed with thy moſt Precious Blood: And deliver *him*, for whoſe ſake thou didſt ſuffer death, from all evil and miſchief; from the crafts and aſſaults of the Devil; from the fear of death, and from everlaſting death. *Amen.*

III.

LORD, impute not unto *him* the follies of *his* youth; nor any of the Errours, and Miſcarriages of *his* life: but ſtrengthen *him* in *his* Agony, and carry *him* ſafely through *his* laſt Diſtreſs. Let not *his* Faith waver, nor *his* Hope fail, nor *his* Charity be diſorder'd: let *him* die in peace, and reſt in hope, and riſe in glory. *Amen.*

IV.

LORD, we know, and believe aſſuredly, that whatſoever is under thy cuſtody, cannot be taken out of thy hands, nor by all the Violences of Hell robbed of thy protection: Preſerve the work of thy hands; reſcue *him* from all evil, and let *his* portion be with the Patriarchs, and Prophets; with the Apoſtles, and Martyrs, and all

thy holy Saints, in the arms of Chriſt, in the boſom of Felicity, and in the Kingdom of God for ever. *Amen.*

O Saviour of the World, who by thy Croſs, and precious Blood haſt redeemed us; ſave, and help this thy departing Servant, we beſeech thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord, who art a moſt ſtrong Tower to all them that put their truſt in thee; to whom all things in Heaven, in Earth, and under the Earth do bow, and obey: Be now, and evermore *his* defence; and make *him* to know, and feel, by a powerful ſenſe of thy Goodneſs, that there is no other Name under Heaven given to Man, in whom, and through whom we may receive Health, and Salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O LORD, unto thy gracious Mercy, and Protection we commit *him*. O God the Father, bleſs *him*, and keep *him*. O God the Son, make thy Face to ſhine upon *him*, and be gracious unto *him*. O God the Holy Ghoſt, lift up thy Countenance upon *him*, and give *him* thy Peace, both now, and evermore. *Amen*.

PRAYERS,

PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

To be us'd by a

Sick Person in his Closet.

Psal. 19. 14. *LEt the words of my Mouth, and the meditation of my Heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.*

Ejaculations from the Psalms.

I.

141. 1. LORD, I cry unto thee, make haste unto me: give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

Let

Let my Prayer be ſet forth before thee as Incenſe; and the lifting up of my Hands, as the Evening ſacrifice. 141. 2.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: keep the door of my lips. 141. 3.

Mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my truſt, leave not my Soul deſtitute. 141. 8.

When my Spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou kneweſt my path: I cried unto thee, O Lord; I ſaid, Thou art my refuge, and my portion in the land of the living. 142. 3, 5.

Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low: bring my Soul out of priſon, that I may praiſe thy Name; for thou wilt deal bountifully with me. 142. 6, 7.

Who can underſtand his Errours? cleanſe thou me from ſecret faults. 19. 12.

My confuſion is continually before me, and the ſhame of my face hath cover'd me. 44. 15.

But

22. 3. But thou art Holy, O thou that inhabiteſt the Praiſes of Iſrael.

22. 9. Thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didſt make me hope, when I was upon my Mothers breaſts.

22. 10. I was caſt upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my Mothers belly.

22. 11. Be not far from me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

30. 9. What profit is there in my Blood, when I go down to the Pit? ſhall the Duſt praiſe thee? ſhall it declare thy Truth?

30. 10. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.

55. 4. My Heart is ſore pained within me: and the terrours of Death are fallen upon me.

55. 5. Fearfulneſs and trembling are come upon me; and horrour hath overwhelmed me.

90. 7. I am conſumed by thine anger; and by thy wrath am I troubled.

Thou

Thou haſt ſet mine iniquities before thee ; my ſecret ſins in the light of thy Countenance. 90.8.

So teach me to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wiſdom. 90.12.

O ſatisfy me early with thy Mercy ; that I may rejoyce , and be glad all my days. 90.14.

Thou holdeſt mine Eyes waking : I am ſo troubled that I cannot ſpeak. 77.4.

Will the Lord caſt off for ever ? and will he be favourable no more ? 77.7.

What man is he that liveth, and ſhall not ſee death ? ſhall he deliver his Soul from the hand of the grave ? 89.48.

Man is like to vanity : his days are as a ſhadow that paſſeth away. 144.4.

I am poor, and needy ; and my heart is wounded within me. 109.22.

I am gone like the ſhadow, when it declineth ; I am toſſed up and down as the Locuſt. 109.23.

Help me, O Lord my God : O ſave me according to thy Mercy. 109.26.

My

119. 120. My flesh trembleth for fear of thee: and I am afraid of thy Judgments.

71.9. Cast me not off in the time of my distress: forsake me not when my strength faileth.

39.13. O spare me, that I may recover strength; before I go hence, and be no more.

II.

31.1. IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy Righteousness.

31.2. Bow down thine Ear to me, deliver me speedily: be thou my strong Rock, for an House of defence to save me.

31.3. For thou art my Rock, and my Fortress: therefore for thy Name's sake lead me, and guide me.

13.3. Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine Eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

Hear,

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy alſo upon me, and anſwer me. 27. 7.

Hide not thy Face far from me, put not thy ſervant away in anger: thou haſt been my help; leave me not, neither forſake me, O God of my Salvation. 27. 9.

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord, my Rock; be not ſilent to me: leſt if thou be ſilent to me, I become like them that go down into the Pit. 28. 1.

Be pleaſed, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haſt to help me. 40. 13.

Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou beareſt unto thy People: O viſit me with thy Salvation. 106. 4.

O Lord, ſtrengthen me upon the Bed of languiſhing: make thou all my Bed in my Sickneſs. 41. 3.

Lord, be merciful unto me; heal my Soul, for I have ſinned againſt thee. 41. 4.

Truly my Soul waiteth upon my God: from him cometh my Salvation. 62. 1.

My

62. 5. My Soul, wait thou only upon God: for my expectation is from him.

62. 7. In God is my Salvation, and my Glory: the Rock of my ſtrength, and my refuge is in God.

57. 1. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my Soul truſteth in thee: yea in the ſhadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until theſe calamities be overpaſt.

69. 1. Save me, O God; for the Waters are come in unto my Soul.

69. 5. O God, thou knoweſt my fooliſhneſs; and my ſins are not hid from thee.

69. 13. My Prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the Truth of thy Salvation.

69. 14, 15. Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not ſink: let not the waterflood overflow me; neither let the deep ſwallow me up; and let not the Pit ſhut her mouth upon me.

Hear

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving kindneſs is good: turn unto me, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. 69.16.

And hide not thy Face from thy Servant; for I am in trouble: hear me ſpeedily. 69.17.

Draw nigh unto my Soul, and redeem it: and let thy Salvation, O God, ſet me up on high. 69.18, 29.

I am poor, and ſorrowful; make haſt unto me, O God: thou art my help, and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying. 70. 5.

III.

HEar me, when I call, O God of my righteouſneſs: thou haſt enlarged me, when I was in diſtreſs; have mercy upon me, and hear my Prayer. 4. 1.

Thou, O Lord, art a ſhield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. 3. 3.

4.8. I will lay me down in peace, and ſleep: for thou, Lord, only makeſt me dwell in ſafety.

9.9. Thou, Lord, art a refuge for the oppreſſed: a refuge in times of trouble.

9.10. And they that know thy Name, will put their truſt in thee: for thou, Lord, haſt not forſaken them that ſeek thee.

13.5. I have truſted in thy mercy: my heart ſhall rejoyce in thy Salvation.

23.4. Tho' I walk through the Valley of the ſhadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy Rod, and thy Staff, they comfort me.

27.1. The Lord is my Light, and my Salvation; whom ſhall I fear? the Lord is the ſtrength of my Life, of whom ſhall I be afraid?

27.5. For in the time of trouble he ſhall hide me in his Pavilion: in the ſecret of his Tabernacle ſhall he hide me, and ſet me upon a Rock.

I had fainted, unleſs I had believed to ſee the goodneſs of the Lord, in the land of the living. 27. 13.

My Soul waiteth for the Lord: he is my help, and my ſhield. 33.20.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon me; according as I hope in thee. 33.22.

Unto thee lift I up mine Eyes; O thou that dwelleſt in the Heavens. 123. 1.

Thou art my hiding place, and my ſhield: I hope in thy word. 119. 114.

All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me: and yet thou wilt command thy loving kindneſs in the day-time; and in the night thy ſong ſhall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. 42. 7, 8.

Why art thou caſt down, O my Soul? and why art thou diſquieted within me? hope thou in God; for I ſhall yet praiſe him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. 42. 11.

For this God is my God for ever, and ever: he will be my guide even unto death. 48. 14.

56.3. What time I am afraid, I will truſt in thee.

138.7. Tho' I walk in the midſt of trouble, thou wilt revive me; and thy right hand ſhall ſave me.

61.1. Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

61.2. From the end of the Earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher then I.

61.4. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will truſt in the covert of thy wings.

IV.

42.1. AS the Hart panteth after the water brooks, ſo panteth my Soul after thee, O God.

42.2. My Soul thirſteth for God, for the living God: when ſhall I come, and appear before God?

4.6. Lord, liſt thou up the light of thy countenance upon me.

5.3. My voice ſhalt thou hear in the Morning, O Lord: in the Morning

ing will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

How excellent is thy loving kindneſs, O God! therefore the Children of men put their truſt under the ſhadow of thy wings. 36.7.

O taſt, and ſee that the Lord is good: bleſſed is the Man that truſteth in him. 34.8.

What is Man, that thou art mindful of him? and the Son of Man, that thou viſiteſt him? 8.4.

The Lord is my ſhepherd: I ſhall not want. 23. 1.

Thou, O Lord, art merciful, and gracious; ſlow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 103.8.

Thou haſt not dealt with us after our ſins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 103.10.

For as the Heaven is high above the Earth; ſo great is thy mercy toward them that fear thee. 103.11.

As far the Eaſt is from the Weſt; ſo far haſt thou removed our tranſgreſſions from us. 103. 12.

103.13. Like as a Father pitieth his Children; ſo thou pitieſt them that fear thee, O Lord.

103.14. For thou knoweſt our frame: thou remembreſt that we are duſt.

103.15, 16. Our days are as Graſs; and we flouriſh as a flower of the Field: the wind paſſeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof ſhall know it no more.

103.17. But thy mercy, O Lord, is from everlaſting to everlaſting: and thy righteouſneſs unto Childrens Children.

86.5. Thou art good, O Lord, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

86.7. In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt anſwer me.

86.11. Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy Name.

86.10. For thou art great, and doſt wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Thou,

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compaſſion, and gracious; long-ſuffering, and plenteous in mercy, and truth. 86.15.

O turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy ſtrength unto thy Servant, and ſave the Son of thy Handmaid. 86.16.

V.

LOrd, who ſhall abide in thy Tabernacle? who ſhall dwell in thy holy Hill? 15.1.

Thy way, O God, is in the ſanctuary: who is ſo great a God as our God? 77.13.

Thou art the God that doſt wonders: thou haſt declared thy ſtrength among thy people. 77.14.

I will cry unto thee, Thou art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my Salvation. 89.26.

Make thy face to ſhine upon thy Servant: and teach me thy Statutes. 119. 135.

119. Order my ſteps in thy word:
133. and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

119. Conſider mine affliction, and
153. deliver me: for I do not forget thy Law.

17.5. Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my Footſteps ſlip not.

17.7. Shew thy marvellous loving kindneſs, O thou that ſaveſt by thy right hand, them which put their truſt in thee.

139.14. I will praiſe thee, for I am fearfully, and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my Soul knoweth right well.

145.9. Thou, O Lord, art good to all: and thy tender mercies are over all thy works.

145.14. Thou upholdeſt all that fall; and raiſeſt up all thoſe that are bowed down.

147.3. Thou healeſt the broken in Heart; and bindeſt up their wounds.

119.77. Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

I will remember thy Name, O Lord, in the night: and thy Statutes shall be my ſongs in the houſe of my Pilgrimage. 119.55, 54.

Thine anger endureth but a moment; in thy favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. 30.5.

Becauſe of my tranſgreſſion I am afflicted: and I draw near unto the Gates of Death. 107.17, 18.

But I will cry unto the Lord in my trouble: O ſave me out of my diſtreſs. 107.19.

Send thy word, and heal me; and deliver me from deſtruction. 107.20.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word. 119. 107.

Accept, I beſeech thee, the Free-will-offerings of my Mouth, O Lord; and teach me thy Judgments. 119. 108.

Search me, O God, and know my Heart: try me, and know my Thoughts. 139.23.

139.24. And ſee if there be any wicked way in me: and lead me in the way everlaſting.

VI.

39.4. LOrd, make me to know mine end, and the meaſure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

39.5. Behold, thou haſt made my days as an Hand-breadth; and mine Age is as nothing before thee: verily every Man at his beſt Eſtate is altogether vanity.

39.6. Surely every Man walketh in a vain ſhew: ſurely they are diſquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who ſhall gather them.

39.7. And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

39.8,10 Deliver me from all my tranſgreſſions; and remove thy ſtroke away from me: I am conſumed by the blow of thine hand.

When

When thou with rebukes doſt correct man for iniquity, thou makeſt his beauty to conſume away like a Moth: ſurely every man is vanity. 39.11.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; becauſe thou didſt it. 39.9.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a ſtranger with thee, and a ſojourner; as all my Fathers were. 39.12.

Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine Ear unto my cry. 88. 2.

For my Soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. 88.3.

I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no ſtrength. 88. 4.

Thy wrath lieth hard upon me; and thou ſhaſt afflicted me with all thy waves. 88.7.

Mine Eye mourneth by reaſon of affliction: Lord, I have called daily upon thee; I have ſtretched out my hands unto thee. 88. 9.

Shall

88. 11. Shall thy loving-kindneſs be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulneſs in deſtruction?

88. 12. Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteouſneſs in the land of forgetfulneſs?

88. 13. But unto thee have I cried, O Lord: and in the Morning ſhall my prayer prevent thee.

49. 15. For God will redeem my Soul from the power of the grave; and he ſhall receive me.

79. 8. O remember not againſt me my former iniquities: let thy tender Mercies ſpeedily prevent me; for I am brought very low.

79. 9. Help me, O God of my Salvation, for the glory of thy Name: deliver me, and purge away my ſins for thy Name's ſake.

79. 11. Let the ſighing of the priſoner come before thee, according to the greatneſs of thy Power: preſerve thou thoſe that are appointed to die.

Deal bountifully with thy Servant; that I may live, and keep thy Word. 119.17.

My Soul cleaveth unto the duſt: quicken thou me according to thy Word. 119.25.

My Soul melteth for heavineſs: ſtrengthen thou me according unto thy Word. 119.28.

It is good for me, that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy Statutes. 119.71.

I know, O Lord, that thy Judgments are right; and that thou in faithfulneſs haſt afflicted me. 119.75.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy Word hath quickned me. 119.50.

My Soul fainteth for thy Salvation: but I hope in thy Word. 119.81.

Mine Eyes fail for thy Word, ſaying, When wilt thou comfort me? 119.82.

They that ſow in tears, ſhall reap in joy. 126.5.

The Lord liveth, and bleſſed be my Rock: and let the God of my Salvation be exalted. 18.46.

VII.

VII.

18.1. I Will love thee, O Lord my ſtrength.

18. 3. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praiſed: ſo ſhall I be ſaved from death.

18. 2. The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortreſs, and my deliverer; my God, my ſtrength in whom I will truſt; my buckler, and the horn of my Salvation, and my high Tower.

68. 20. He that is my God, is the God of Salvation: and unto God the Lord belong the iſſues from death.

59. 17. Unto thee, O my ſtrength, will I ſing: for God is my defence, and the God of my Mercy.

17. 3. Thou haſt proved mine heart; thou haſt viſited me in the night; thou haſt tried me, and ſhalt find nothing: I am purpoſed that my Mouth ſhall not tranſgreſs.

4. 4. I will ſtand in awe, and ſin no more: I will commune with my own heart upon my bed, and be ſtill.

I will lift up mine Eyes unto the Hills; from whence cometh my help. 121. 1.

My help cometh from the Lord; which made Heaven, and Earth. 121. 2.

Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have ſaid, that I would keep thy words. 119 57.

I have longed for thy Salvation, O Lord: and thy Law is my delight. 119.174

Let my Soul live, and it ſhall praiſe thee: and let thy Judgments help me. 119.175

I have gone aſtray, like a loſt Sheep: ſeek thy Servant; for I do not forget thy Commandments. 119.176

Lord, I will love the habitation of thy Houſe; and the place where thine Honour dwelleth. 26. 8.

I will waſh my hands in Innocency: ſo will I compaſs thine Altar, O Lord. 26. 6.

I will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. 116. 13.

116. 9. I will walk before the Lord in the Land of the living.

118.18. The Lord hath chaſtned me ſore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

76. 7. Thou, even thou art to be feared: and who may ſtand in thy ſight, when once thou art angry?

97. 11. But light is ſown for the Righteous: and gladneſs for the Upright in heart.

121. 5. The Lord is my keeper: the Lord is my ſhade upon my right hand.

121. 7. The Lord ſhall preſerve me from all evil: he ſhall preſerve my Soul.

116. 7. Return unto thy reſt, O my Soul: for the Lord will deal bountifully with thee.

116. 15. Precious in the ſight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.

116. 8. O Lord, thou wilt deliver my Soul from death, mine Eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

17. 15. As for me, I will behold thy Face in righteouſneſs: I ſhall be ſatisfy'd

ſatisfy'd, when I awake, with thy likeneſs.

I ſhall be abundantly ſatisfy'd with the fatneſs of thy Houſe: and thou ſhalt make me drink of the River of thy Pleaſures. *Amen.* 36. 8.

Other Meditations from the Scripture.

O my Father, if it be poſſible, let this Cup paſs from me: nevertheleſs not as I will, but as thou wilt. Mat 26. 39

O my Father, if this Cup may not paſs away from me, except I drink it; thy will be done. Mat. 26. 42.

It is the Lord: let him do what ſeemeth him good. 1 Sam. 3. 18.

If he thus ſay, I have no delight in thee: behold, here am I; let him do to me as ſeemeth good unto him. 2 Sam. 15. 26.

Surely it is meet to be ſaid unto God; I have born chaſtiſement, I will not offend any more. Job, 34 31.

Job,30.23. I know that thou wilt bring me to death and to the houſe appointed for all living.

Job,10.9. Remember, I beſeech thee, that thou haſt made me as the Clay: and wilt thou bring me into duſt again?

Job,10.8, 11. Thine hands have made me, and faſhioned me: thou haſt cloathed me with skin, and fleſh; and haſt fenced me with bones, and ſinews.

Job,10.12. O grant me life, and favour: and let thy viſitation preſerve my Spirit.

Job,5.8. I will ſeek unto God; and unto God will I commit my cauſe.

Job,13.15. Though he ſlay me, yet will I truſt in him.

Job,13.21. Withdraw thine hand far from me; and let not thy dread make me afraid.

Job,13.24, 23. Wherefore hideſt thou thy face? make me to know my tranſgreſſion, and my ſin.

Job,13.25. Wilt thou break a leaf driven to, and fro? and wilt thou purſue the dry ſtubble?

For

For thou writeſt bitter things againſt me; and makeſt me to poſſeſs the iniquities of my youth. Job, 13.26.

Therefore I am troubled at thy preſence: when I conſider, I am afraid of thee. Job23.15.

What then ſhall I do, when God riſeth up? and when he viſiteth, what ſhall I anſwer him? Job, 31.14.

When he giveth quietneſs, who can make trouble? and when he hideth his Face, who can behold him? Job, 34.29.

If we are bound in fetters, and holden in cords of *Affliction*; Job, 36.8.

God ſheweth us our work, and our tranſgreſſions, that we have exceeded. Job, 36.9.

He openeth our Ear to diſcipline; and commandeth us to return from iniquity. Job, 36.10.

Where is God my maker, who giveth Songs in the night? Job, 35.10.

The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. 1 Sam. 2.6.

Deut. 32. 39. He woundeth, and healeth: neither is there any that can deliver out of his hand.

Num. 23. 10. Let me die the death of the righteous; and let my laſt end be like his.

Prov. 3. 11. I will not deſpiſe the chaſtning of the Lord; nor be weary of his correction.

Prov. 3. 12. For whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth; even as a Father the Son, in whom he delighteth.

Jam. 1. 12. Bleſſed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he ſhall receive the Crown of Life, which the Lord hath promiſed to them that love him.

1 Pet. 4. 19. Wherefore let them that ſuffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their Souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creatour.

2 Cor. 1. 9, 10. *I will thus commit my Soul unto thy keeping, O God.* I will truſt in God, which raiſeth the dead: Who can deliver me from ſo great a death; in whom

I truſt that he will yet deliver me.

For he hath ſaid, I will never leave thee, nor forſake thee. Heb. 13. 5.

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us: he hath ſmitten, and he will bind us up. Hoſ. 6. 1.

O Lord, take away all iniquity, and receive me graciouſly. Hoſ. 14. 2.

For thou cameſt not, O my Saviour, to call the righteous, but ſinners to repentance. Mat. 9. 13.

He that covereth his ſins, ſhall not proſper: but whoſo confeſſeth, and forſaketh them, ſhall have mercy. Prov. 28. 13.

And now, O my God, what ſhall I ſay? for I have forſaken thy Commandments. Ezr. 9. 10.

O my God, I am aſhamed, and bluſh to lift up my face to thee, my God: for my iniquities are increaſed over my head, and my treſpaſs is grown up unto Heaven. Ezr. 9. 6.

O God, thou art juſt in all that is brought upon me; thou haſt Neh. 9. 33, 32.

done right, but I have done wickedly: but let not all the trouble ſeem little before thee, that hath come upon me.

Luk. 18. 13. God be merciful to me a ſinner.

Mat. 15. 22. Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David.

2 Cor. 4. 17. Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

2 Cor. 4. 18. While we look not at the things which are ſeen, but at the things which are not ſeen: for the things which are ſeen, are temporal; but the things which are not ſeen, are eternal.

Rev. 14. 13. Bleſſed are the dead which die in the Lord: for they reſt from their labours, and their works do follow them.

Rev. 21. 4. And God ſhall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there ſhall be no more death, neither ſorrow, nor crying; neither ſhall there be any more pain: for the former things are paſſed away.

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They that ſleep in the duſt of the Earth ſhall awake: and they that be wiſe ſhall ſhine as the brightneſs of the Firmament. Dan. 12. 2, 3.

The Souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; and no torment ſhall touch them. Wiſd. 3. 1.

The righteous live for evermore: their reward alſo is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Moſt High. Wiſd. 5. 15.

Therefore ſhall they receive a glorious Kingdom, and a beautiful Crown from the Lord's hand: for with his right hand ſhall he cover them, and with his arm ſhall he protect them. Wiſd. 5. 16.

Henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteouſneſs; which the Lord the Righteous Judge ſhall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto them alſo that love his appearing. 2 Tim. 4. 8.

Other Ejaculations.

IN the midſt of life we are in death: of whom may we ſeek for ſuccour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our ſins art juſtly diſpleaſed? Yet, O Lord God moſt Holy, O Lord moſt Mighty, O holy, and moſt merciful Saviour, deliver me not into the bitter pains of Eternal death. Thou knoweſt, Lord, the ſecrets of my Heart; ſhut not thy merciful Ears to my prayers: but ſpare me, Lord moſt Holy; O God moſt Mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou moſt worthy Judge Eternal, ſuffer me not, at my laſt hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee. *Amen.*

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who is the Reſurrection, and the Life; I beſeech thee to raiſe me from the death of Sin, unto the life of Righ-

teouſneſs:

teouſneſs: that at the general Reſurrection in the laſt day, I may be found acceptable in thy ſight; and may have my perfect conſummation, and bliſs, both in Body, and Soul, in thy Eternal glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, comfort, and ſuccour me of thy goodneſs: and give me grace ſo to follow the good Examples, of thy Servants departed this life in thy faith, and fear; that with them I may be a partaker of thy heavenly Kingdom; through Jeſus Chriſt, our only Mediatour, and Advocate. *Amen.*

O Lord, the ſorrows of Death compaſs me, and the ſnares of it are ready to overtake me. When thou wilt diſſolve my Tabernacle, thou alone knoweſt: therefore in this my trouble I will call upon thee my Lord, and will complain unto my God. O be with me

From Archbp. *Laud.*

me at the inſtant of my death, and receive me for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.*

O Lord, quicken, and comfort my Soul; for I have ſinned againſt thee. Lord, I call to mind all the years of my life paſt, in the bitterneſs of my Soul for my ſin. My Miſdeeds have prevailed againſt me: O be thou merciful unto my ſin; O for thy Name's ſake be merciful unto my ſin, for it is great. *Amen.*

O Let the depth of my ſins call up the depth of thy Mercies, and of thy Grace. Lord, let it come; that where my ſin hath abounded, Grace may ſuper-abound. *Amen.*

O Lord, grant that all the days of my appointed time upon Earth, I may wait till my change ſhall come. *Amen.*

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O That thou wouldeſt hide me in the grave, and keep me ſecret until thy wrath be paſt; and appoint me a time in which thou wilt remember me. *Amen.*

COmmand my Spirit, whenever thou wilt command it, to be received up to thee in peace. *Amen.*

I Am created after thine own Image, and likeneſs: O ſuffer not thine own Image to be defaced; but renew it again in righteouſneſs, and true holineſs. *Amen.*

I Commend my ſelf into thy hands, as to a moſt gracious Redeemer: for thou haſt redeemed me, O Lord God of Truth. *Amen.*

I Commend my ſelf into thy hands, as to my moſt bleſſed Comforter. *Amen.*

O Lord, I am the price of thy Blood, of thy moſt precious Blood: O ſuffer not ſo great, ſo unvaluable a price to periſh. *Amen.*

O Lord, thou cameſt down from Heaven, to redeem that which was loſt: ſuffer not that to be loſt, which thou haſt redeemed. *Amen.*

O Lord, I am weary, and heavy laden; and I come to thee, to be refreſhed by thee. Behold, O Lord, I have been the Temple of thy Holy Spirit: I have, I confeſs, ſtrangely polluted it; yet deſtroy me not: but dedicate me anew, and ſanctify me to thy ſelf yet once again. *Amen.*

O Lord, I wear thy Name: 'tis thy Name that is called upon me. For thy Name's ſake therefore be merciful unto me. O ſpare, Lord, if not me, yet thy own Name

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in me. And do not ſo remember my ſin, O Lord, do not; as that in remembring it, thou forget thine own Name. I have deſired to fear thy Name, to love, and to honour thy Name. And I deſire to depart this life, in the invocation, and confeſſion of thy Name. Lord, I confeſs it, and call upon it: O come, Lord Jeſus. *Amen.*

GRant, O Lord, that I may never ſleep in ſin, or death Eternal: but that I may have my part in the firſt Reſurrection, and that the ſecond Death may not prevail over me. *Amen.* From Bp. *Taylor.*

GRant, that my Soul may be bound up in the bundle of Life; and in the day when thou bindeſt up thy Jewels, remember thy Servant for good; that my Soul may be number'd amongſt the Righteous, *Amen.*

Grant

GRant unto me thy Servant mercy, and aids from Heaven; and receive my Soul, which thou haſt redeemed with thy moſt precious Blood, whenever it ſhall return unto thee. *Amen.*

GRant unto me to have Faith in the Lord Jeſus; a daily meditation of Death; a contempt of the World; a longing deſire after Heaven; Patience in my ſorrows; Comfort in my ſickneſs; Joy in God; a holy Life; and a bleſſed Death: that my Soul may reſt in hope, and my Body may riſe in glory; and both may be beatify'd in the Communion of Saints, in the Kingdom of God, and the Glories of the Lord Jeſus. *Amen.*

From Bp. *Andrews.*

O Lord of Life, and Death; of Sickneſs and Health;

By whoſe appointment we are born; and again, by whoſe appointment we die:

Thou

Thou that hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, and never faileſt them that ſeek thee;

Of whoſe Mercies there is neither number, nor end;

Who calleſt into thy Vineyard even at the eleventh hour;

Who bringeſt to the gates of Death, and bringeſt back again:

Thou that art the ſaving health of all thy Faithful;

The Fountain of Grace, and Goodneſs;

The Comfort of them that be in heavineſs;

The Strength of them that be in weakneſs;

The Health of them that be in ſickneſs;

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me:

Look down from Heaven;

Behold, and viſit me;

Viſit me with thy Salvation.

Amen.

Father

From the *Whole Duty of Man.*

FAther, I have ſinned againſt Heaven, and before thee; and am not worthy to be called thy Child: yet, O Lord, do not thou caſt off the bowels, and compaſſions of a Father; but as a Father pitieth his own Children, ſo be thou merciful unto me. *Amen.*

LOrd, the Prince of this World cometh; O let him have nothing in me; but as he accuſeth, do thou abſolve: I have nothing to ſay for my ſelf; do thou anſwer for me, O Lord my God. *Amen.*

OBe thou pleaſed to rebuke Satan; and pluck me as a brand out of the fire: O ſave, and deliver me; leſt he devour my Soul like a Lion, and tear it in pieces, while there is none to help. Mine Eyes look unto thee, O Lord; O caſt not out my Soul. *Amen.*

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O My God, I know that no unclean thing can enter into thy Kingdom; and I am nothing but pollution: O waſh me, and make white in the Blood of the Lamb; that ſo I may be fit to ſtand before thy Throne. *Amen.*

LOrd, the ſnares of Death compaſs me round about; O let not the pains of Hell alſo take hold of me: but though I find trouble, and heavineſs; yet, O Lord, I beſeech thee, deliver my Soul. *Amen.*

O Dear Jeſus, who haſt bought me with the precious price of thine own Blood; challenge now thy purchaſe, and let not the malice of Hell pluck me out of thy Hand. *Amen.*

O Bleſſed High-Prieſt, who art able to ſave them to the utmoſt, who come unto God by thee;

ſave me, I beſeech thee, who have no hope, but on thy Merits, and Interceſſion. *Amen.*

O My Redeemer, I have by my many, and grievous ſins crucify'd thee afreſh; yet thou who didſt pray for thy Perſecutors, intercede for me alſo; and ſuffer not my Soul (the price of thy Blood) to periſh. *Amen.*

O Spirit of Grace, I have by my horrid Impieties done deſpight to thee; yet O bleſſed Comforter, though I have often grieved thee, be thou pleaſed to ſuccour, and relieve me; and ſay unto my Soul, I am thy Salvation. *Amen.*

O Bleſſed Lord, who ſcourgeſt every Son whom thou receiveſt, let me not be weary of thy correction: but give me ſuch a perfect ſubjection to thee, the Father of Spirits, that this Chaſtiſement

ſtiſement may be for my profit; and thereby I may be partaker of thy Holineſs. *Amen.*

O Thou Captain of my Salvation, who wert made perfect by ſufferings; ſanctify to me all the pains of Body, and all the terrours of Mind, which thou ſhalt permit to fall upon me. *Amen.*

LOrd, my ſins have deſerved eternal Torments: make me chearfully, and thankfully to bear my preſent pains; chaſten me as thou pleaſeſt here, that I may not be condemned with the World. *Amen.*

O Chriſt, who didſt firſt ſuffer many Torments, and then enter into thy Glory; make me ſo to ſuffer with thee, that I may alſo be glorify'd with thee. *Amen.*

O Bleſſed Jeſus, who haſt loved me, and waſhed me from my ſins in thy Blood; be gracious to my Soul: and let thy Death ſweeten the bitterneſs of mine. *Amen.*

I am here in the State of Baniſhment, and Abſence from the Lord: O take me where I ſhall for ever behold thy Face, and follow the Lamb whitherſoever he goeth. *Amen.*

Prayers in the beginning of Sickneſs.

From Bp. Ken.

O Heavenly Father, who in thy Wiſdom knoweſt what is beſt for me, Glory be to Thee.

Lord, if it ſeem good in thy ſight, divert this diſtemper from me, which I now feel ſeizing on me; that I may employ my health to thy glory, and praiſe thy Name.

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But if thou art pleaſed it ſhould grow on me, I willingly ſubmit to thy afflicting hand: for thou art want to chaſtiſe thoſe whom thou doſt love; and I am ſure, thou wilt lay no more on me, than thou wilt enable me to bear.

I know, O my God, thou ſendeſt this Sickneſs for my good; even to humble, and reform me: O grant it may work that ſaving effect in me.

Lord, Create in me a true penitent ſorrow for all my ſins paſt; a ſtedfaſt Faith in thee; and ſincere Reſolutions of Amendment for the time to come.

Deliver me from all frowardneſs, and impatience; and give me an entire reſignation to thy divine Will. O ſuffer not the Diſeaſe to take away my Senſes; and do thou continually ſupply my Thoughts with holy Ejaculations. Lord, Bleſs, all means that are uſed for my recovery, and reſtore me to my health in thy good time: but if otherwiſe

thou haſt appointed for me, thy bleſſed Will be done.

O wean my Affections from all things below, and fill me with ardent deſires after Heaven.

Eye hath not ſeen, nor heard, nor the Heart of Man conceived the good things which thou haſt laid up for thoſe that love Thee: Lord, do thou therefore inflame my Soul with thy love.

Lord, fit me for thy ſelf, and then call me to thoſe Joys unſpeakable, and full of Glory, when Thou pleaſeſt. My hope is wholly in thy Mercy, and in the Merits, and Sufferings of my Saviour; O for his ſake forgive, and ſave me; that I may be found blameleſs at the coming of the Lord Jeſus. *Amen.*

From Bp. *Cofins.*

O Sweet Jeſus, I deſire neither Life, nor Death, but thy moſt holy Will: Thou art the thing, O Lord, that I long for; be it unto me according to thy good pleaſure. If it be thy Will to have me die,

die, receive my Soul; and grant that in thee, and with thee, I may receive everlaſting reſt. If it be thy Will to have me live any longer upon Earth, give me Grace to amend the reſt of my Life, and with good works to glorify thy holy Name; who with the Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, liveſt, and reigneſt ever one God, World without end. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, Merciful and Gracious, who in thy Juſtice didſt ſend Sorrow, and Tears, Sickneſs, and Death into the World, as a puniſhment for the ſins of Man; and haſt comprehended all under ſin, that thou mighteſt have Mercy upon all: as thou haſt turned my ſins into Sickneſs, ſo turn my Sickneſs to the advantages of Holineſs, and Religion; of Mercy, and Pardon; of Faith, and Hope; of Grace, and Glory. Thou haſt now called me to the fellowſhip of ſufferings: Lord, let my preſent con- From Bp. *Taylour.*

dition be ſo ſanctify'd, that my ſufferings may be united to thoſe of my Saviour. Relieve my ſorrow, and ſupport my Spirit: direct my Thoughts, and ſanctify the accidents of my Sickneſs; that the puniſhment of my ſin may be the School of Vertue. In which ſince Thou haſt now enter'd me, Lord, make me a holy proficient; that I may behave my ſelf as a Son under diſcipline, humbly and obediently, patiently and penitently; that I may come hereby nearer to Thee. That if I ſhall go forth of this Sickneſs by the Gate of Life, and Health; I may return to the World with greater ſtrength of Spirit, to run a new Race of a ſtricter Holineſs, and a more ſevere Religion: or if I paſs from hence by the out-let of Death, I may enter into the Boſom of my Lord; for his ſake, and through his Mediation. *Amen.*

O Lord, the Soveraign of the World, *who doſt what thou pleaſeſt in Heaven, and in Earth*; and deligheſt moſt in acts of bounty, and *forgiveſt ſins, and ſaveſt in time of affliction*: I acknowledge my ſelf, among the reſt of thy Creatures, to be moſt deeply indebted unto thee; whoſe life thou haſt prolonged to this time; together with the enjoyment of Spiritual Bleſſings in the Lord Jeſus. I thank thee, and praiſe thee; and to thy wiſe, and good Providence I wholly refer my ſelf for the time to come; placing my truſt, and confidence in thy Almighty Goodneſs, Faithfulneſs, and Truth, which endure for ever. From Bp. Patrick.

I ought to receive with all thankfulneſs whatſoever comes from thy Hand; and believe that to be good for me, which thy infinite Wiſdom, and Kindneſs orders, and allots for my Portion. Accordingly I accept with all humble, and dutiful affection

fection, this thy Fatherly chaſtiſement. I acknowledge thy care of me, and ſubmit to what thou wilt be pleaſed to lay upon me. If thou thinkeſt good to exerciſe me with a longer Sickneſs; not my Will, but thine, O Heavenly Father, be done. I only wait on Thee, for the comfortable preſence of thy Holy Spirit; to ſupport my Soul by Faith, and Hope, and Patience, under all the Pains I may endure. Lay no more upon me, O Father of Mercies, than I ſhall be able to bear; and lay upon me what thou pleaſeſt. Free me, for the preſent, from all murmuring, and repining Thoughts: and for the future, make the Sickneſs, and anguiſh of my Body, a bleſſed inſtrument to purge my Spirit more perfectly from all Pride, and Vanity; from all Covetouſneſs, and Worldly-mindedneſs; and from all inordinate love of any of the pleaſures of this life. I believe, O bleſſed Jeſus, that thou liveſt for ever;

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and that thou haſt a great compaſſion towards thoſe, who would gladly follow thee, though it be through ſufferings. Behold, O Lord, I commend my ſelf to thy mighty Love; deſiring above all things to be made conformable to thee; in meekneſs, in humility, in patience, in reſignation to God's holy Will, and Pleaſure; and in perfect ſatisfaction in his Fatherly Love, and Kindneſs, whatſoever my condition be.

I am ſenſible, O God, that I have not employed my time to the utmoſt advantage of my Soul; and to thy Honour, and Glory: but have waſted many precious hours, and ſeveral ways neglected my duty towards thee, and been an unprofitable part of this World; ſo that I am not worthy to continue any longer in it. But I hope, thou wilt vouchſafe me thy gracious Pardon, and receive me to Mercy, through the Blood of Jeſus Chriſt, if thou calleſt me from hence: and that if thou prolongeſt my

my days on Earth, I ſhall ſerve Thee with greater diligence, and ſtrictneſs, and zeal, and chearfulneſs, to the end of my Life.

I deſire not to live, but that I may perfect Holineſs in thy fear; and ſecure to my ſelf, by doing more good, a happy entertainment into the ſociety of the Bleſſed, in the other World. I ſee already the emptineſs, and inſufficiency of all enjoyments upon Earth. But in thy word, O Lord, and gracious Promiſes is my hope. This is my comfort in my affliction: and thy favour is better than life it ſelf. O ſettle me in a certain, and unmoveable poſſeſſion of it, by what means thou pleaſeſt. Do but love me, and preſerve me in a lively ſenſe of thy good will towards me; and diſpoſe of me as thou thinkeſt good. Accept, O Lord, of theſe my deſires; and be thou my Helper: for the ſake of Chriſt Jeſus, my ever bleſſed Redeemer. *Amen.*

O Merciful, and Righteous Lord, the God of Health, and of Sickneſs, of Life, and of Death; I moſt unfeignedly acknowledge, that my great abuſe of thoſe many days of ſtrength, and welfare, which thou haſt afforded me, hath moſt juſtly deſerved thy preſent Viſitation. I deſire, O Lord, humbly to accept of this puniſhment of mine iniquity; and to bear the indignation of the Lord; becauſe I have ſinned againſt him. And, O thou merciful Father, who deſigneſt not the ruin, but the amendment of thoſe whom thou ſcourgeſt; I beſeech thee, by thy Grace ſo to ſanctify this correction to me, that this Sickneſs of my Body may be a means of health to my Soul: make me diligent to ſearch my Heart, and enable me to diſcover every accurſed thing, how cloſely ſoever concealed there; that by the removal thereof, I may make way for the removal of this

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this puniſhment. Heal my Soul, O Lord, which hath ſinned againſt Thee: and then, if it be thy bleſſed Will, heal my Body alſo. Reſtore the voice of joy, and health unto my dwelling; that I may live to praiſe Thee, and to bring forth fruits of Repentance. But if in thy Wiſdom thou haſt otherwiſe diſpoſed, if thou haſt determined that this Sickneſs ſhall be unto death; I beſeech Thee to fit, and prepare me for it: Give me that ſincere, and earneſt Repentance, to which thou haſt promiſed Mercy, and Pardon: Wean my Heart from the World, and all the fading vanities of it; and make me to gaſp, and pant after thoſe more excellent, and durable Joys, which are at thy right hand for ever. Lord, liſt thou up the light of thy Countenance upon me; and in all the pains of my Body, in all the Agonies of my Spirit, let thy comforts refreſh my Soul; and enable me patiently to wait till my change come.

come. And grant, O Lord, that when my Earthly houſe of this Tabernacle is diſſolved; I may have a building of God, an Houſe not made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens; through him, who by his precious Blood hath purchaſed it for me, even Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be prepared for our laſt end.

O Eternal God, my Maker, my Redeemer; I adore, and bleſs thy holy Name, that thou haſt with ſuch admirable Patience not only ſuffer'd me to live to this hour; but withal haſt multiplied thy daily Bleſſings upon me, even then when I by my ſinful Life have moſt unkindly, and treacherouſly rebelled againſt Thee. From Bp. *Duppa.*

But who knows, O merciful Lord, how ſoon thy abuſed Patience may end: or how ſpeedily thou maiſt call me to a ſad account, for all my former days ſo miſerably miſpent? For

For O how many are they, on whom the morning Sun hath ſhined, that ſhall not live to ſee it ſet? And how know I, but this may be my laſt Day too: the only Day which thou O God, haſt left me, to ſet my Soul in order; and to prepare for that day which never ſhall have end?

O my dear Lord, ſuffer me not then to neglect this bleſſed Seaſon; but by an hearty Repentance ſpeedily, even this day, this inſtant to return unto thee: that how ſoon ſoever thou ſhalt call me to my Tranſmigration from this Life; my Accounts may be found Audited, my Sins cancell'd, and my Soul acquitted by the Blood of that Lamb, that takes away the ſins of the World.

Give me Grace to conſecrate the reſt of my Life unto thy Service; and to Redeem the time which I cannot recall: and keep me ever under the wings of thy protection, that neither ſin, nor danger may approach to hurt me.

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Grant this, O my God, for his ſake that vouchſafed to die for me, thy only Son Jeſus Chriſt the righteous. *Amen.*

A Prayer for pardon of ſin, us'd by King Charles I. *in the time of his Troubles.*

ALmighty, and moſt merciful Father, look down upon me thy unworthy Servant, who here proſtrate my ſelf at the Foot-ſtool of thy Throne of Grace: but look upon me, O Father, through the Mediation, and in the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt, in whom thou art only well pleaſed; for of my ſelf I am not worthy to ſtand before Thee, or to ſpeak with my unclean Lips to Thee, moſt Holy, and Eternal God. For as in ſin I was Conceived, and Born; ſo likewiſe I have broken all thy Commandments, by my ſinful Motions, unclean Thoughts, evil Words, and wicked Works; omitting many Duties

I ought to do, and committing many Vices, which thou haſt forbidden under pain of thy heavy diſpleaſure. As for my ſins, O Lord, they are innumerable; wherefore I ſtand here liable to all the miſeries in this Life, and everlaſting Torments in that to come, if thou ſhould'ſt deal with me according to my deſerts. I confeſs, O Lord, that it is Thy Mercy, (which endureth for ever) and thy Compaſſion, (which never fails) which is the cauſe that I have not been long ago conſumed. But with Thee there is Mercy, and plenteous Redemption. In the multitude therefore of thy Mercies, and by the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt I intreat thy Divine Majeſty, that thou would'ſt not enter into judgment with thy Servant, nor be extreme to mark what is done amiſs: but be thou merciful unto me, and waſh away all my ſins with that precious Blood that my Saviour ſhed for me. And I beſeech

beſeech Thee, O Lord, not only to waſh away all my ſins; but alſo to purge my Heart by thy holy Spirit, from the droſs of my natural corruption. And as thou doſt add days to my Life, ſo, Good Lord, I beſeech Thee to add Repentance to my days: that when I have paſt this mortal Life, I may be partaker of thy everlaſting Kingdom, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Other Prayers for Forgiveneſs of ſins.

FOrgive me my ſins, O Lord; forgive me the ſins of my Youth, and the ſins of mine Age; the ſins of my Soul, and the ſins of my Body; my ſecret, and whiſpering ſins, and my preſumptuous, and crying ſins; the ſins that I have done to pleaſe my ſelf, and the ſins that I have done to pleaſe others. Forgive me my wanton, and idle ſins; forgive me my ſeri- From Bp. *Cofins.*

ous, and deliberate ſins: forgive me thoſe ſins which I know, and thoſe ſins which I know not; the ſins which I have ſtriven ſo long to hide from others, that now I have even hid them from mine own Memory. Forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all; and of thy great goodneſs let me be abſolved from mine offences. *Amen.*

From Bp. *Duppa.*

O My God, when I call ſadly to mind, what I have done, and what I have left undone; how careleſs I have been to pleaſe Thee, how diligent to offend Thee; how paſſionately I have been tranſported towards the pleaſures of this Life, how cold, and heavy in purſuing my everlaſting Happineſs: when I ſeriouſly conſider the vanity of my Affections, the folly of my Thoughts, the idleneſs of my Words, and above all, the ſinfulneſs of my Actions; I ſtand amazed at my ſelf, that ſuch a contemplation as this makes not my Fleſh to tremble,

ble, and my Heart break at the very thought of it.

For, O my Lord, if thou ſhould'ſt be extreme to mark what I have done amiſs; if thou ſhould'ſt enter into judgment with me, what would become of me? for of ſo many millions of ſins that I have committed, alas, I cannot anſwer Thee one of a thouſand.

But, O my Saviour, thou who haſt revealed it to me as a faithful ſaying, that thou cameſt into the World for no other end but to ſave Sinners; thou who haſt ſo ſolemnly ſworn, thy delight is not in my death, but rather that I ſhould live; what ſhall hinder thee, to do that which thou delighteſt in? or what can hinder thee, to ſave the Soul which thou cameſt into the World for?

O Pardon, and forgive then all my ſins paſt, that nothing may hinder Thee: lay them no longer to my charge; caſt them behind thee, bury them, drown them;

ſcatter them as a Miſt, and as a Morning cloud let them vaniſh away. And when thou haſt done this, O my merciful God, leave not here, but go on: Create in me a clean Heart, and renew a right Spirit within me: let me feel the powerful effects, the ſaving operations of thy Grace; in fervency of devotion towards thee; in bitterneſs of Repentance for offending thee; in holy reſolutions never wilfully to ſin againſt thee more; and in perſeverance in thoſe reſolutions; till I ſhall paſs out of this valley of tears, into thoſe everlaſting Joys, where no evil can approach me. *Amen.*

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From Bp. *Taylor.*

O Eternal, and moſt gracious Father, I humbly throw my ſelf down at the foot of thy Mercy-ſeat; upon the confidence of thy goodneſs, and thy command, that we ſhould *come boldly*

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to the Throne of Grace, that we may find mercy in time of need. O my God, hear the Prayers, and Cries of a ſinner, who calls earneſtly for Mercy. Lord, my needs are greater, than all the degrees of my deſire can be: unleſs thou haſt pity upon me, I periſh infinitely, and intolerably: and then there will be one Voice fewer, to recite thy Praiſes to eternal Ages. But, O Lord, in mercy deliver my Soul; O ſave me for thy Mercies ſake: for in the ſecond Death there is no remembrance of Thee; in that grave who ſhall give Thee thanks? *Amen.*

II.

O Juſt, and Dear God, my ſins are innumerable; they are upon my Soul in multitudes: they bring ſorrow, and ſickneſs; ſhame, and guilt; a ſenſe of thy preſent diſpleaſure, and fear of worſe, of infinitely worſe. But although my

ſins be very great, and my fears proportionable; yet thy Mercy is infinitely greater than all the World: and my hope, and comfort riſe up in proportion towards it. Lord, thou haſt ſent thy Son to die for the pardon of my ſins; thou haſt given me thy Holy Spirit, as a ſeal of Adoption, to conſign the Article of Remiſſion of ſins; and thou haſt inſtructed my Underſtanding, and ſoftned my Spirit, and inclined my Will, in order to Repentance, and Pardon: and why ſhould not thy Servant beg paſſionately, and humbly hope, for the effects of all theſe thy miraculous acts of loving-kindneſs? Lord, I deſerve it not; but I hope, thou wilt pardon all my ſins: and I beg of thee for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, whom thou haſt made the great endearment of thy Promiſes, and the foundation of our Hopes; and the mighty Inſtrument, whereby we can obtain of thee whatſoever we need. *Amen.*

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O my God, how ſhall thy Servant be diſpos'd to receive ſuch a Favour; which is ſo great, that the Ever-bleſſed Jeſus died to purchaſe it for us; ſo great, that the fallen Angels never could hope, and never ſhall obtain it? Lord, I do from my Soul forgive all that have ſinned againſt me: O forgive me my ſins, as I forgive them. Lord, I confeſs my ſins unto thee daily: and if we confeſs our ſins, thou haſt called it a part of juſtice, to forgive us our ſins, and to cleanſe us from all unrighteouſneſs. Lord, I put my truſt in thee: and thou art ever gracious to them that put their truſt in thee. I call upon my God for Mercy: and thou art always more ready to hear, than we to pray. But all that I can do, and all that I am, and all that I know of my ſelf, is nothing but ſin, and infirmity, and miſery: and therefore I go forth of my ſelf, and throw my ſelf wholly into

into the arms of thy Mercy; through Jeſus Chriſt; and beg of thee for his Death, and Paſſion's ſake; by his Reſurrection, and Aſcenſion; by all the parts of our Redemption, and thy infinite Mercy; ro be compaſſionate to thy Servant, in the aboliſhing of all my ſins: and ſo ſhall I praiſe thy Name from Generation to Generation. *Amen.*

A Form of preparing our ſelves to receive Abſolution.

From Bp. *Coſins.*

I That am a wretched ſinner, here perſonally appearing and proſtrate before the preſence of the everlaſting God; having in remembrance the exceeding Mercy of his great goodneſs towards me; whom he hath created of nothing, preſerved, ſuſtained, and loved, when I was moſt unworthy of any thing; whom he hath of his incomprehenſible Clemency ſo often invited to Repentance; and whoſe converſi-

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on, and amendment he hath ſo patiently expected: as alſo having in memory, that on the day of my Baptiſm, I was happily vowed, and dedicated unto my God, to be his Child, and to live in his continual Service; yet that contrary to the profeſſion then made in my Name, I have ſo many times, and ſo execrably violated my Vows, profaned my ſacred Promiſes, and employed my Soul to the ſervice of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil; thereby deſpiſing the Graces, and contemning the goodneſs of God: at length recalling my ſelf, and with all lowlineſs here caſting my Soul, and Body proſtrate before the dreadful Throne of his Juſtice; I acknowledge, and confeſs my ſelf a moſt wretched ſinner; guilty of that death, which Chriſt once ſuffer'd for me upon the tormenting Croſs. But turning my ſelf to the Throne of his infinite Mercy; and with all my might, from the bottom of my heart,

heart, deteſting the iniquities of of my paſt Life; I moſt humbly beg, and crave pardon for the ſame; with an entire Abſolution from all my ſins, for the precious Death, and Paſſion's ſake of my Lord, and Saviour: upon whom, as upon the only foundation of my Hope, I repoſe all my confidence; and unto whom I promiſe, and confirm again; I vow again, and ſolemnly renew the ſacred profeſſion of loyal ſervice, and fidelity; which was made in my Name, and in my behalf unto him, at my holy Baptiſm: renouncing unfeignedly the vanities of this wicked World, the luſts of all ſinful Fleſh, and the ſuggeſtions of the Devil: and converting my ſelf unto my moſt gracious, and merciful God; I deſire, deliberate, purpoſe, and fully reſolve, to honour him, ſerve him, love him, and obey him now, and for ever hereafter: giving, and dedicating unto him, for this end, the powers of my Soul, the affecti-

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ons of my heart, and the faculties of my Body to be for ever devoted to his ſervice; without unſaying, revoking, or repenting of this my holy Promiſe, or any part thereof. And I moſt humbly beſeech Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, to confirm me in this reſolution, and to accept of this my broken, and contrite heart, which he hath promiſed not to deſpiſe: entirely deſiring his Fathertherly goodneſs, that as he hath given me a deſire, and a will to purpoſe; ſo he would give me ſtrength, and grace to perform all holy Actions, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Penitential Vows.

O my great, and glorious God, I who am leſs than the grain of Duſt that hangs upon the Ballance, profeſs ſeriouſly, and with the remorſe of a wounded Spirit; that I am aſhamed, and confound- From Bp. *Duppa.*

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ed within my ſelf, that I have ſo many ways ſinned againſt ſo good a God, ſo gracious a Father. But what is paſt I cannot re-call; though thy Mercy may forgive. But for the time to come, I call all thy holy Angels to witneſs, that I this day ſacrifice my ſelf wholly to thee: reſolving to break off from all ſinful courſes, and fully purpoſing never to offend thee more. But becauſe thou knoweſt my failings, and my weakneſs is not hid from thee; I beg of thee, O my God, to ſhew thy ſtrength in my weakneſs; and to confirm my inconſtant Mind in this holy Reſolution. That ſo never repenting of this Repentance, nor wavering in theſe Purpoſes, which I have now by thy Grace ſo deliberately made; I may go on conſtantly in a pure, and holy Life: till in the end of my days I come to everlaſting Joys, which thou haſt prepared for them that love thee, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord, *Amen.*

O moſt Juſt, and Merciful Lord God, who haſt ſent diſeaſes, and ſorrows into the World, to keep ſin from our Souls; I humbly beg of thee, that this my Sickneſs may ſerve the ends of the Spirit, and be a Meſſenger of ſpiritual Life, an inſtrument of reducing me to more Religious and ſober courſes. O Lord, I am unready, and unprepared in my accounts, having thrown away great portions of my time in vanity; and I had need live my Life over again, and live it better: but thy counſels are in the deep, and I know not what thou wilt determin of me. If I die, I throw my ſelf into the arms of the Holy Jeſus, whom I love above all things: and if I periſh, I know I have deſerved it; but thou wilt not reject him that loves Thee. But if I recover, I will by thy Grace, and help, do the work of God; and ſerve Thee in the labour of love, with

From Bp. *Taylor.*

with the Charities of holy Zeal, and the diligence of a firm, and humble Obedience. Lord, I will dwell in thy Temple, and in thy Service; Religion ſhall be my Employment, and Patience ſhall be my Reſt; and to do thy Will ſhall be my meat, and drink; and to live ſhall be Chriſt, and then to die ſhall be gain. *Amen.*

A Proteſtation after the private reciting of the Creed.

From Bp. *Coſins.*

IN this Faith, which I do unfeignedly, and wholly believe, as a true member of Chriſt's Catholick Church, do I purpoſe to finiſh my Life: and if ought ſhall happen by the violence of my Sickneſs, or the ſuggeſtions of my ghoſtly Enemies; whereby I ſhall come to think, ſay, or do any thing, contrary to this holy Faith, and purpoſe; I do here revoke it before hand, and proteſt from my Soul, even before Chriſt, and his holy

holy Angels, that I give no conſent thereunto: giving moſt humble, and hearty thanks unto my loving Creatour, and Redeemer; that by the wonderful goodneſs of his Bounty, he hath vouchſafed to bring me to the knowledge of this Faith in him: which with my Soul, and Body, I commend into his moſt holy, and merciful hands, now, and at the hour of my death. *Amen.*

A Proteſtation of Forgiveneſs.

I do farther moſt humbly deſire all, and every one whom I have offended, that they would vouchſafe to forgive me. And I do freely, and heartily forgive all the World, wherein ſoever any one hath offended me, or done me any manner of injury whatſoever: even as I deſire to be forgiven of God, and to be abſolved from my ſins, for the Merits of my bleſſed Redeemer. *Amen.* From Bp. *Coſins.*

Prayers for Abſolution.

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great Mercy haſt promiſed forgiveneſs of ſins, to all them that with hearty Repentance, and true Faith turn unto Thee; Have mercy upon me; Pardon, and deliver me from all my ſins; confirm, and ſtrengthen me in all goodneſs; and bring me to everlaſting Life, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord. *Amen.*

TUrn thou me, O good Lord, and ſo ſhall I be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy Servant, who turns to thee in Weeping, and Praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compaſſion, long-ſuffering, and of great pity. Thou ſpareſt when we deſerve Puniſhment; and in thy wrath thinkeſt upon Mercy. Spare thy Servant, good Lord, ſpare

ſpare me: and let me not be brought to confuſion. Hear me, O Lord, for thy Mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy Mercies look upon me; through the Merits, and Mediation of thy bleſſed Son, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

I confeſs unto Thee, O God, all my ſins; which I acknowledge, through my moſt grievous fault, to have committed againſt thy moſt awful Majeſty. I am an unclean, and ſinful Creature: I accuſe my ſelf of my wicked Thoughts, and Deſires; of my wanton, and evil words; of my naughty, and ungodly deeds: * For all which I am truly penitent from the depth of my Soul; and am ſtedfaſtly reſolved to ſhew forth the fruits of Repentance, in my future courſe of Life. And therefore in all lowlineſs, and humility of a broken Heart, I beg my Pardon; and cry unto Thee, From Bp. *Cofins.*

* *Here particular ſins are to be mention'd.*

O God, for Mercy towards me a moſt ſinful, and unworthy Creature: that thou, whoſe Nature, and property it is to forgive Sinners, and ever to have Mercy upon them that truly turn unto thee; wouldſt vouchſafe, of thy great pity, and goodneſs, to give me the comfort of Abſolution, and a perfect remiſſion of all my ſins; to ſtrengthen me in all good works; and to bring me unto life everlaſting, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Prayer upon taking Phyſick.

From Bp. *Taylor.*

O moſt bleſſed Jeſus, who art the great Phyſician of our Souls, and the Sun of Righteouſneſs ariſing with healing in thy wings; and who diſpoſeſt every accident to the honour of thy Father, and to the good, and comfort of them that love, and ſerve thee: Be pleaſed to bleſs the miniſtery of thy Servant in order to my health; proſper the Medicines, and

and diſpoſe the chances of my Sickneſs; that I may feel the bleſſing, and loving-kindneſs of the Lord, in the eaſe of my pain, and the reſtitution of my health: that I being reſtored to the ſociety of the living, and to thy ſolemn Aſſemblies; may praiſe thee, and thy goodneſs, here in thy Courts, and hereafter in thy eternal Temple, for ever, and ever. *Amen.*

Prayers preparatory for Death, when 'tis expected.

O Eternal Lord God, who haſt created the World, and all Time; and who haſt made my days as it were a ſpan long, and mine age as nothing in reſpect of thee: Teach me ſo to number my days, that I may apply my heart to thy Heavenly Wiſdom; and may ſo carefully employ this ſhort time, which thou haſt appointed me to ſpend here; ſo make up my reckonings, before thou calleſt me From Dr. *Hammond.*

from hence; that I may then give such an account of the Talent wherewith thou hast intrusted me, that I may receive that joyful sen-
Mat 25.21. tence; *Well done, good, and faithful Servant.*

Blessed be thy holy Name, O Lord my God, who hast shewed me the light of thy Countenance, and caused me to see thy goodness in the land of the living: who hast preserved me in all my ways, and deliver'd me from many evils, and dangers. O Lord, forsake me not in the vanishing of my days; but still continue the protection of thy gracious hand upon me: be thou my light, and defence, my guide, and guard, through the valley of misery, and tears, and the shadow of death; to that holy Hill, where thine Honour, and our Rest dwelleth. Give me grace to remember the many days of darkness; that I may be ready, and provided, whensoever thou shalt call me to Judgment: and whether

I live, or die, I commend my ſelf to thy Mercy, and Goodneſs; beſeeching thee to receive me under thy Wings, where I may reſt ſecure from all evil; and to preſerve my Soul in perpetual peace, and ſafety. Grant that I may be provided with Oil in my Lamp, and ready to enter in with the wiſe Virgins, whenſoever the Bridegroom ſhall come; and may receive a bleſſing among thoſe which watch, and wait for thy coming.

So come, Lord Jeſus, come quickly. *Amen.*

DEfend, O Lord, me thy Servant with thy Heavenly Grace, that I may continue thine for ever; and daily increaſe in thy holy Spirit more, and more, until I come unto thy everlaſting Kingdom. *Amen.*

LEt thy mighty Hand, and outſtretched Arm, O Lord, be ever my defence; thy Mercy, and loving-kindneſs in Jeſus Chriſt thy dear Son, my Salvation; thy true, and holy Word, my Inſtruction; thy Grace, and holy Spirit, my Comfort, and Conſolation, both now, and at the hour of Death. *Amen.*

From Bp. *Taylor.*

O Holy Jeſus, thou art a merciful High-Prieſt, and touched with the ſenſe of our infirmities; thou knoweſt the ſharpneſs of my Sickneſs, and the weakneſs of my perſon. The clouds are gather'd about me, and thou haſt cover'd me with thy Storm. Lord, let thy Mercy ſupport me, and thy Spirit guide me, and lead me through the valley of this death; that I may paſs it ſafely, and patiently, and with perfect Reſignation: and let me rejoyce in the Lord, in the hopes of pardon, in the

the expectation of Glory, in the ſenſe of thy Mercies, in the refreſhments of thy Spirit, and in a Victory over all Temptations.

Thou haſt promiſed to be with us in Tribulation: Lord, my Soul is troubled, and my Body is weak; and my Enemies are mighty; and my hope is in thee: now make good thy holy Promiſe. Now, O holy Jeſus, now let thy Hand of Grace be upon me: reſtrain my Ghoſtly Enemies, and give me all ſorts of ſpiritual aſſiſtances. Lord, remember thy Servant, in the day when thou bindeſt up thy Jewels. Let me poſſeſs my Soul in patience; and reſign my Soul, and Body into thy Hands, as into the Hands of a faithful Creatour, and bleſſed Redeemer.

O Holy Jeſus, thou didſt die for us: by thoſe intolerable pains which thou endured'ſt for me, have pity on me, and eaſe my pain; and lay on me no more, than thou ſhalt enable me to bear. Do what thou

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wilt with me, ſo thou doſt but preſerve me in thy fear, and favour: and let thy Spirit ſecure me, that nothing may be able to ſeparate me from the love of God in Jeſus Chriſt. Into thy hands I commend my Spirit; for thou haſt redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of Truth. Come, Holy Spirit, help me in this conflict. Come, Lord Jeſus, come quickly. *Amen.*

From the *Whole Duty of Man.*

O Eternal, and ever-living God, who firſt breathed'ſt into Man the breath of Life, and when thou takeſt away that breath, he dies, and is turned again to his duſt; look with compaſſion on me thy poor Creature, who am now drawing near the gates of Death; and (which is infinitely more terrible) the Bar of Judgment. Lord, my own Heart condemns me; and thou art infinitely greater than my Heart, and knoweſt all things. The ſins I know, and remember, fill me with Horrour: and theſe, and all

all my forgotten ſins are preſent to thee: thou ſetteſt my miſdeeds before thee, and my ſecret ſins in the light of thy Countenance. My very Repentance, I fear too, will not abide the Trial: and, O Lord, I know thou art not mocked, nor wilt accept of any thing that is not perfectly ſincere. O Lord, when I conſider this, my Fleſh trembleth for fear of thee; and my Heart is wounded within me. But, O Lord, one deep calleth upon another; the depth of my Miſery upon the depth of thy Mercy: Lord, ſave now, or I periſh Eternally. O thou who willeſt not that any ſhould periſh, but that all would come to Repentance; bring me, I beſeech thee, though thus late, to a ſincere Repentance; ſuch as thou wilt accept, who trieſt the Heart. Create in me, O God, a clean Heart; and renew a right Spirit within me. Lord, one day is with thee as a thouſand years: O let thy mighty

Spirit

Spirit work in me now in this day (though it ſhould be my laſt) whatſoever thou ſeeſt wanting to fit me for thy Mercy, and acceptation. Give me an entire hatred of my ſins; and enable me to preſent thee with that Sacrifice of a broken, and contrite Heart, which thou haſt promiſed not to deſpiſe: that by this I may be made capable of that atonement, which thy dear Son hath made for all repenting ſinners by the oblation of himſelf. He is the Propitiation for our ſins: O heal me by his ſtripes, and let the Cry of his Blood drown the clamour of my ſins. I am a Child of Wrath, but he is the Son of thy Love: for his ſake ſpare me, O Lord, ſpare thy Creature, whom he hath Redeemed with his moſt precious Blood; and be not angry with me for ever. In his Wounds, O Lord, I take Sanctuary; O let not thy vengeance purſue me to this City of Refuge: my Soul hangeth upon him; O let me not periſh

riſh. But by his Agony, and Bloody Sweat; by his Croſs, and Paſſion; by all that he did, and ſuffer'd for ſinners, good Lord, deliver me: deliver me, I beſeech thee, from the wages of my ſins, from thy Wrath, and everlaſting Damnation; deliver me in this time of my Tribulation, in the hour of Death, and in the day of Judgment. Hear me, O Lord, hear me: and do not now repay my former deafneſs to thy calls, by refuſing to anſwer me in this time of my greateſt need. Lord, there is but one ſtep between me and death: O let not my Sun go down upon thy Wrath; but ſeal my pardon before I go hence, and be no more ſeen. Thy loving-kindneſs is better than life it ſelf: O let me have that in exchange; and I ſhall moſt gladly lay down this mortal Life. Lord, thou knoweſt all my deſire, and my groaning is not hid from thee: deal thou with me, O Lord, according to thy Name;

Name; for ſweet is thy Mercy. Take away the ſting of death, the guilt of my ſins; and then though I walk through the valley of the ſhadow of Death, I will fear no evil: I will lay me down in Peace; and, Lord, when I awake up, let me be ſatisfy'd with thy Preſence in thy Glory. Grant this, O merciful God, for his ſake, who is both the Redeemer, and Mediator of ſinners, even *Jeſus Chriſt*. *Amen*.

GRant, I beſeech thee, Almighty God, that as I believe thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to have aſcended into the Heavens; ſo I may alſo in Heart, and Mind thither aſcend; and may with him continually dwell; who liveth, and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, one God, World without end. *Amen*.

O God, the King of Glory, who haſt exalted thine only Son Jeſus Chriſt, with great Triumph unto thy Kingdom in Heaven; I beſeech thee, leave me not comfortleſs: but ſend to me thine Holy Ghoſt to comfort me; and exalt me unto the ſame place, whither our Saviour Chriſt is gone before; who liveth, and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the ſame Spirit, one God, World without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, be gracious unto me, Iſ. 33. 2.
I have waited for Thee: Be thou my Salvation in this time of my trouble. With thee is the foun- Pſ. 36. 9.
tain of Life: In thy light let me ſee light; in thy beatifick preſence let me dwell for ever. *Amen.*

I Reſign my Spirit, O God, moſt From Bp. *Patrick.*
chearfully into thy Hands; hoping to find Mercy with thee through Chriſt Jeſus. I know no other name under Heaven, whereby

by I may be ſaved, but thine alone, O Bleſſed Jeſus; *who waſt dead, and art alive again, and liveſt for evermore.* I come unto thee, O Lord, confiding in thy moſt precious Promiſes, (which are faithful, and true, as thou art) for Pardon, and for immortal Life. Accept, I beſeech thee, of my moſt hearty thanks, for all thy Mercies to me, from the beginning of my Life to this moment. Paſs by all my ingratitude, and diſobedience. Receive me into the company of the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect, to give thee thanks for ever. And as I deſire to find Mercy with thee, ſo I forgive all my Enemies: Beſeeching thee likewiſe to forgive them; and to Bleſs, and Comfort all my Friends; and to make thy whole Church glorious; and to bring us all at laſt to live together in everlaſting Love, and Joy, through Chriſt Jeſus. *Amen.*

Lord,

LOrd, I am coming as faſt as I can: I know, I muſt paſs through the ſhadow of Death, before I can come to ſee thee. But it is a meer ſhadow of Death, a little darkneſs upon Nature: But thou by thy Merits, and Paſſion, haſt broke through the Jaws of Death. Look down upon me in Mercy, in the Riches, and fulneſs of all thy Mercies: Look upon me; but not till thou haſt nailed my Sins to the Croſs of Chriſt; not till thou haſt bathed me in the Blood of Chriſt; not till I have hid my ſelf in the Wounds of Chriſt, that ſo the puniſhment due unto my Sins may paſs over me. So, Lord, receive my Soul; and have Mercy upon me for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.* From Archbp. *Laud.*

THe Peace of God which paſſeth all underſtanding; the Bleſſing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt; the Vertue of Chriſt's Bleſſed Croſs, and Paſſion, be with Me both now, and evermore. *Amen.*

Act. 7. 59. *Lord Jeſus, receive my Spirit. Amen.*

FORMS

FORMS OF THANKSGIVING FOR RECOVERY.

O Lord, I give Thee humble, and hearty Thanks, for thy great mercy in bringing me back from the Grave. What thou haſt further for me to do, or to ſuffer, thou alone knoweſt: Lord, give me Patience, and Courage, and all Chriſtian Reſolution to do Thee ſervice; and Grace to do it. And let me not live longer, than to honour Thee, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.* From Archbiſhop *Laud.*

From Bp. *Cofins.*

PRaiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me praiſe his holy Name: who hath ſaved thy life from deſtruction, and crowned thee with Mercy, and Loving-kindneſs. O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and thou haſt healed me. Therefore will I ſing of thy Praiſe without ceaſing, and I will pay my Vows, and give Thanks unto Thee for ever. *Amen.*

From Bp. *Ken.*

GLory be to Thee, O heavenly Father, for the Sickneſs thou haſt in mercy ſent me.

Lord, the ſtripes thou didſt lay on me, were the ſtripes of love: Glory be to Thee.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now will I keep thy Word.

It is good for me, that I have been in trouble, that I might learn thy Statutes.

Glory

Glory be to Thee, O Lord: Glory be to Thee, for delivering me from the terrours of Death, and reſtoring me to my health again: Glory be to Thee.

I called upon the Lord in my trouble; and the Lord heard me at large.

I ſhall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Praiſe the Lord therefore, O my Soul: as long as I have my life, which at firſt God gave me, and which he hath now reſtored me, I will ſing praiſes unto my God.

O Lord God, who haſt in thy tender Mercy prolonged my days in this World, give me grace to ſpend that life Thou haſt now lengthned, in thy Service. O give me grace, to perform all my Reſolutions of new Obedience; and ſo to live in the Filial fear of Thee, all the remainder of my life, that I may at laſt die at peace with my ſelf, at peace with the whole World, and at peace with Thee; through

thy well-beloved Son, my Saviour Chriſt Jeſus. *Amen.*

From Bp. *Patrick.*

O God, the Fountain of Life, and of all Good; who art continually more, and more pouring forth thy benefits upon us: I thy poor Creature, whoſe life thou haſt mercifully ſpared, when I deſerved to be cut off, proſtrate my ſelf, in an humble ſenſe of thy Divine Goodneſs, to render thee my moſt hearty Thanks; and to renew my Vows, which I made in the day of my diſtreſs. I can do no leſs than dedicate this new life, which thou haſt beſtowed upon me, entirely to thy ſervice: reſolving to employ more vigorouſly all thoſe powers of Soul, and Body, which are ſo graciouſly reſtor'd to me, unto thy honour and glory. Make me often to remember, how that in my beſt eſtate I am but altogether vanity; and how little comfort can be found in theſe periſhing enjoyments, and ſhort ſatisfactions; and what

what a joy it is to have any hope in thee, the Eternal God: that ſo I may not ſeek my happineſs in this dying life, but in thy endleſs Love, and Favour; and that I may moſt ſeriouſly apply my ſelf to work out my Salvation with fear, and trembling; and may give all diligence to ſettle a ſtedfaſt hope in thee, that ſhall never be ſhaken. Excite in me, O God, ſuch holy thoughts, and deſires; that my affections may be weaned from all things here below, and ſet on things above, where Chriſt is at thy right hand. O that I may deſire, and covet thoſe Heavenly things for my portion: make me to rejoyce in them, more than in a whole world of other Comforts; and to fear the loſing of them, more than any other miſery. Preſerve in me, good Lord, ſuch a ſober diſpoſition of Mind, that I may never be proud, who am but duſt, and aſhes; nor confident of my own ſtrength, which is but weakneſs; nor diſtruſt-

ful of Thee, who art ſo gracious, and merciful, as well as mighty to ſave. Suffer me not to ſink under any diſcouragements, who have the Everlaſting Arms under me; the Wiſdom of Heaven to direct, and guide me; and the infinite Treaſures of Goodneſs to ſupply all my neceſſities.

And more particularly, I beſeech thee to give me grace, by my late confinement, and weakneſs, and dulneſs, and want of appetite, and reſt; to learn to value very highly the benefits of liberty, and ſtrength, and quickneſs of all my ſenſes: and to bleſs Thee more than ever I have done, for the conſtant refreſhments of my Food in the day, and of undiſturbed ſleep in the night; together with the reſt of the pleaſures of life, to which thou haſt reſtored me with my health. Make me contented in any condition, whilſt I enjoy ſo great a bleſſing as Health: and when thou ſhalt take it again away from me, O that

I may be able to be contented then alſo; in a remembrance of all thy paſt kindneſſes to me, and of a well-ſpent life, and careful improvement of this renewed health; and in hope of thy continued Mercies to me in Chriſt Jeſus, even to Eternal life. To which I humbly beſeech thee to bring me, by an unchangeable love, and obedience to Thee, in all the changes, and alterations of this mortal life; for his ſake who loved me, and gave himſelf for me. To whom with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, be Glory everlaſting. *Amen.*

From the *Whole Duty of Man.*

O Gracious Lord, the God of the Spirits of all Fleſh, in whoſe hand my time is; I praiſe, and magnify Thee, that Thou haſt deliver'd me from the Pit of Corruption, and reſtor'd me to health again. It is Thou alone, O Lord, that haſt preſerved my life from deſtruction: Thou haſt chaſtned, and corrected me, but thou haſt not given

given me over unto death. O let this life, which thou haſt thus graciouſly ſpared, be wholly conſecrated to thee. Behold, O Lord, I am by thy Mercy made whole: O make me ſtrictly careful to ſin no more, leſt a worſe thing come unto me. Lord, let not this Reprieve, which thou haſt now given me, make me ſecure; as thinking that my Lord delayeth his coming, but grant me, I beſeech thee, to make a right uſe of this Long-ſuffering of thine; and ſo to employ every Minute of that Time thou ſhalt allow me, that when thou ſhalt appear, I may have confidence; and not be aſhamed before Thee at thy coming. Lord, I have found by this approach towards death, how dreadful a thing it is to be taken unprepar'd: O let it be a perpetual admonition to me, to watch for my Maſter's coming. And when the pleaſures of Sin ſhall preſent themſelves to entice me; O make me to remember, how

bitter

bitter they will be at the laſt. O Lord, hear me; and as thou haſt in much Mercy afforded me time, ſo grant me alſo grace to work out my own Salvation; and to provide Oil in my Lamp, that when the Bridegroom cometh, I may go in with him to the Marriage. Grant this, I beſeech thee, for thy dear Son's ſake. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, I give thee humble Thanks, for that thou haſt vouchſafed to deliver me from the pains, and peril of my late Sickneſs: Grant, I beſeech thee, Moſt Merciful Father, that I, through thy help, may both faithfully live, and walk according to thy Will in this life preſent; and alſo may be partaker of Everlaſting Glory in the life to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

I Praiſe thee, I bleſs thee, I worſhip thee, I glorify thee, I give thanks to thee; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takeſt away the ſins of the World. For thou only art Holy, thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Chriſt, with the Holy Ghoſt, art moſt High in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

HOly, holy, holy, Lord God of Hoſts, Heaven, and Earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord moſt High. *Amen.*

DIRE-

DIRECTIONS FOR THE SICK.

I.

WHen we are in *health*, we ought (as we have opportunity) to offer up our *Morning*, and *Evening* Sacrifice of Prayer in the *Houſe* of *GOD*: and ſince in the time of *Sickneſs*, we need more eſpecially the benefits of daily Devotion, and of communicating with Heaven; it behoves every Chriſtian, to the utmoſt

utmoſt of his power, (beſides his ſecret Devotions) to perform this holy Exerciſe in his *Chamber*, and with his Friends, and thoſe of the ſame Family, when he is diſabled from going to God's *Sanctuary*.

II.

IF the Sick Perſon is confin'd to his Bed, and cannot put himſelf into the proper *geſture* of Prayer, he is not thereupon to think himſelf exempted from this Duty, but to pray the more earneſtly, in proportion to his wants: and there is no cauſe of fearing, but God will graciouſly receive his Supplications, when coming from a warm, and penitent Soul; though he cannot accompany them (as otherwiſe 'tis fitting to do) with the outward acts of Adoration. The proſtrations of the *Heart* will be accepted for thoſe of the *Body*, when 'tis unable to bend.

III.

III.

LEt the ſick Perſon deſire the charitable aſſiſtance of his *Paſtour*, before his Intellectuals are clouded, and his weakneſs prevails too far upon him; and then his *Viſits* may be much more uſeful to him, than they are in the common way: for certainly 'tis a very unwiſe courſe, to ſtay till the *Phyſician* retires, before a *Spiritual Guide* is requeſted to come. 'Tis then too late for him to begin his Applications; or to have any Conference with a fainting Creature, when his Voice, and Strength, and Vitals are almoſt ſpent, and his Senſes have loſt their Natural Offices: and he cannot be admitted then into the ſecrets of his Soul; nor know his particular wants; nor adminiſter ſuch help to him, as he might have done before this *Extremity*.

IV.

IV.

'Tis needful for every Christian, (that hath not finished his *Will*, and ought to make one for the preventing of Contention, or Injustice) to put his Temporal Affairs in order, and to dispose of his *Estate*, in the beginning of his Sickness: that when it shall grow more violent, he may not be discompos'd with worldly thoughts; and he may have nothing else to do, but to prepare for dying like a Christian. 'Tis fit there should be some interval, between the distractions of *this*, and the entrance upon *another* life: and since in the days of our strength, the World ingrosseth so much of our time; we can spare very little of it, when we have an *Eternal* possession to gain, or to lose.

V.

V.

IF the Sick Perſon feels his *Conſcience* troubled with any weighty matter; he is exhorted by the *Church*, to make a ſpecial *Confeſſion* of his Sins to the Miniſter, that viſits him: and then having teſtify'd his hearty Repentance, he is to deſire *Abſolution*; and to receive it in the *Form* of the *Church*, with all poſſible humility, and thankfulneſs; looking upon the Prieſt that *declares* it, as ſpeaking from God; who gave this *Authority* to his Church, and to the Paſtours of it; *Whoſe ſoever ſins ye remit, they are remitted unto them*; and *whatſoever ye ſhall looſe on Earth, ſhall be looſed in Heaven.* However ſince the *Miniſterial* Power cannot *abſolve* any, whom God doth not *abſolve*; the infirm Chriſtian is to remember, that he can have no advantage by this *Abſolution*, but upon the condition of his

Joh 20. 23.

Mat. 18. 18.

ſound, and ſincere Repentance: and by conſequence he is earneſtly to frame himſelf to ſuch a *Contrition.* 'Tis fit alſo for him to obſerve; that though our Church preſſeth *particular Confeſſion* to a Prieſt, only when the Conſcience is diſquieted with ſins of deeper malignity, yet it doth not diſcountenance the more frequent uſe of it; and this too is ſo comprehenſive a Caſe, as to take in great numbers that neglect it: and 'tis the declar'd Judgment of a Learned Champion againſt *Popery*, and a famous Director of the Sick; That *Confeſſion being uſeful in all Caſes, and neceſſary in ſome; and encourag'd by Evangelical Promiſes, by Scripture-Precedents, by the Example of both Teſtaments; and preſcrib'd by Apoſtolical Injunctions, and the Canons of all Churches, and the Example of all Ages; and taught us by the Analogy to the Miniſterial Power, and the very Neceſſities of every man; he that for ſtubborneſs,*

Bp. *Taylor.*

or

or any other criminal weakneſs, ſhall decline it in the days of his danger, is near death, but very far off from the Kingdom of Heaven.

VI.

LEt not the Sick Chriſtian delay his Preparations for *Death*; nor be more ſolicitous for the Cure of his *Body*, than of his *Soul*: but upon the firſt warning given him by any mortal Diſtemper, let him be ſure to recollect himſelf, and to fortify his Soul with the ſuccours of Religion, and to break off his commerce with the World, and to take his leave of it ſolemnly, as if he were then departing from it. For by this courſe he will certainly be the fitter to *die*, if it pleaſeth God then to call him from hence: and if God reſtores him to his former ſtrength, he will be much the fitter to *live*. He that Travels in uncertain Weather, will provide againſt Rain; and if it falls

not, he is not the worſe for his proviſion. In ſuch a mighty Concern we cannot be too forward, or too cautious; and without timorouſneſs, or deſpondency, or ſinking under a Diſeaſe, we may wiſely apprehend, that it may ſend us to our Grave; and ought by conſequence to act, as if it would: For though 'tis a part of Chriſtian Courage to be above the *fears* of Death; 'tis not ſo, to be above the *apprehenſions* of dying. There can be no peril, in making Death familiar to our Minds; but in flattering our ſelves with the hopes of Recovery, there may be very much: and for an early Preparation we cannot die the ſooner; but we ſhall die much better.

VII.

THe Chriſtian is to conſider his Sickneſs, as inflicted on him by God, and not barely the effect of *Second Cauſes*; and as inflicted

flicted either for his *Trial*, or *Amendment*, or *Correction*; or for the *Example* of others, that may be edify'd by his Patience; or for the *increaſe* of his future *Felicity*: and he is to be aſſur'd, that if he bears it patiently, and truly Repents of his Sins, truſting in God's mercy through Chriſt Jeſus, and meekly ſubmits himſelf to the good will of God; this *Viſitation* ſhall turn to his profit, and help him forward in the right way to Everlaſting Life. This will be a mitigation to the Sorrows of the Sick Bed, to reflect upon the beneficial ends, which our gracious God hath in chaſtiſing us: and it will make us indifferent, and eaſy as to the event; becauſe *Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.* Rom. 14. 8.

VIII.

PRoportionable to the goodneſs of God in correcting us for our benefit, is the behaviour of every ſick Chriſtian to be: and particularly he is to be *Patient* under the divine Strokes; and not to fall into any ſinful Paſſion, or Murmuring againſt God. By repining, and peeviſhneſs, and clamours, the *Pains* of a Diſtemper will not be remov'd; but the *Profitableneſs* of it may be loſt: and the impatient ſufferer may provoke God to ſtrike him more heavily.

IX.

IT becomes a Chriſtian not only to be quiet, and ſilent, and paſſive in his Sickneſs; but alſo to be *thankful* to God, for his Fatherly diſcipline; and for afflicting him in *Compaſſion*, and not in *Anger*: for if God deals with him as

as a *Father*, he ought to expreſs towards God the Duty and Gratitude of a *Son*. For the enlarging hereof, it will alſo be proper for him, to look back upon all the Mercies, and Preſervations of his Life paſt; and to bleſs God for the undeſerved enjoyment of them, and eſpecially of ſpiritual Bleſſings: and when he is praiſing God with Ardency, and Elevation of Soul; he will be the leſs ſenſible of the burthen that lies upon him.

X.

Sickneſs is an Affliction; but to be taken away without it, in an unprepar'd condition, is a much greater: and therefore the Chriſtian, in the midſt of his Agonies, hath reaſon to lift up his Heart in thankfulneſs to God, for not ſnatching him away ſuddenly; but giving him time to bethink himſelf, and to conſider his ways, and to ſeek for Pardon, and Sacramental Conſolation. In making this acknowledg-

ment, a Christian is charitable to himself, as well as grateful to God: For it will refresh him to think, that the circumstances of his Sickness are such as argue God's *Tenderness* towards him; and his Providential Care, and *Wisdom* in appointing what is most expedient for him.

XI.

THe sick person is to be careful, not to be overcome by any of the temptations incident to Sickness; and not to increase his *debts* to God, when he is to seek for his *release* of such as he had formerly contracted: If there be no recovery, this is the last moment of turning to God, and forsaking his old vices; and how then will there be any time found, to Repent of the Sins which are now committed? How will he wipe off the fresh Accusations, that shall be brought against him? 'Tis of no advantage

advantage not to be surpriz'd by a sudden blow; if by Sinning on the very Bed of Sickness, we make Death *sudden* to us, whenever it comes.

XII.

IN using the help of *Physicians*, 'tis necessary to look up to God for his Blessing upon their Endeavours; and not to rely upon their Skill, and Medicines, more than upon the immediate interposition of the goodness, and power of God. Their labours are vain, if God doth not give them success; and their Promises are vain, if he doth not ratify them by his Providence: But so far as they are subservient to him, we lawfully may, and ought in prudence to call in their assistance; because we are bound to preserve our Health, by such innocent means as we are able to employ. *Cleanse thy Heart from all wickedness*; (saith the Son of Eccl. 38. 10, 9, 12.

of *Sirach*) *and pray unto the Lord, and he will make thee whole: Then give place to the Physician, for the Lord hath created him; let him not go from thee, for thou hast need of him.*

XIII.

LEt the Sick Christian apply himself to the examining, and raising, and exercising of his *Faith*; and let him consider how firmly he trusts, and confides in the Merits, and All-sufficient Sacrifice of Christ *Jesus*, for Pardon, and Salvation: Let him strengthen his assent to all the Articles of the *Creed*, and turn his *belief* into the *love* of them; and let him dwell upon this Contemplation, That *there is no other name under Heaven*, but that of our Lord Jesus, *whereby we can be saved*; and that *he is able to save them to the uttermost, who come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

Act. 4. 12.

Heb. 7. 25.

them. Nothing can more support a Man in his declining Estate, than to *look* with an active, and vigorous *Faith*, unto *Jesus the Authour, and finisher of it*; and to imprint upon the Mind the mysterious frame of our Redemption, and the Promises of God in Christ; and to remember that *he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offer'd for us, to take away our Sins; and by his Death hath destroyed Death, and by rising to Life again hath restor'd to us Everlasting Life.*

XIV.

THE *Belief* of a Christian will be directed, and encourag'd by *Reading*, and *Meditating* upon the Holy *Scriptures*; and this is an employment, that must not by any means be omitted in his distress: for the *Bible* is the best *Companion*, and the best *Comforter* for the Sick; and is *profitable for Doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for* 2 Tim. 3. 16.

for inſtruction in Righteouſneſs: And the Word of God is ſuch a Treaſure, as (by the efficacy of his *Spirit*) will ſupply all our ſpiritual wants. Particularly the book of *Pſalms* is ſuch an admirable entertainment for a ſick Chriſtian, that Sleep it ſelf cannot be more refreſhing to him; and the converſing with them is enough to take away the ſenſe of his affliction, and to raiſe the Soul above the anguiſh of the Body: they
Pſ. 19. 7, 8, 10. are *perfect and pure*; (as the Pſalmiſt ſpeaks) *converting the Soul, rejoycing the Heart, and enlightning the Eyes; they are ſweeter than Honey, and more deſirable than the fineſt Gold.*

XV.

THe Lord's *Supper* is eſteem'd by the *Church*, a neceſſary Comfort for Chriſtians near their departure; and ſo in the *Primitive* Ages it was carefully adminiſter'd

ſter'd to the Sick: it Seals to them the Remiſſion of Sins, and ſupports them againſt the Terrours of Death, and aſſures them of the Reſurrection of their Bodies, and teſtifies their dying in the Peace, and *Communion* of the Church. Accordingly the ſick Chriſtian is to diſpoſe himſelf for this bleſſed *Sacrament* in good time, and before his Diſeaſe hath brought him too low; eſpecially if he hath been negligent in frequenting it during the days of his Health: 'tis a ſad ſtupidity to put off this high Duty, till the Death-bed reminds us of it; and when we cannot go to the Houſe of God, which is the fitteſt place for it: and yet 'tis better that ſuch as are capable of it, ſhould begin with this *Sacrament* in the laſt hour, than depart without ever receiving it. They are to bewail their former neglecting it, and to give this Sin a peculiar place in their *Humiliations*: But there is hope, that God will accept of

of that *little* they then do, if it be their *best*. But this inſtruction of the *Church* is not to be forgotten; *That if a Chriſtian, either by reaſon of extremity of Sickneſs, or for want of due warning to the Curate, or for lack of company to receive with him, or by any other juſt impediment, do not receive the Sacrament of Chriſt's Body and Blood; yet if he truly repents of his Sins, and ſtedfaſtly believes that Chriſt hath ſuffer'd Death upon the Croſs for him, and ſhed his Blood for his Redemption; earneſtly remembring the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks for them; he doth then eat, and drink the Body, and Blood of our Saviour Chriſt, profitably to the health of his Soul; although he do not receive the Sacrament with his Mouth:* and conſequently in ſuch caſes he is not to be diſcourag'd, and troubled in mind for the want of it.

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THe ſick perſon is to take an exact care, that he goes not out of the World, with the load of *Injuſtice* upon his Soul: he is to be *juſt* in *diſpoſing* of his Goods, not with indirect fondneſſes, and partiality, but with as much *equality* as he can, towards ſuch as he is oblig'd to provide for; and not *diſinheriting*, or excluding any of his Children upon ſlight provocations: and if he hath formerly made any raſh *Vows*, or *Proteſtations* to this effect, he is to Repent of them, and not to accompliſh them. Again, he is to be *juſt* in giving order for the payment of all his *Debts*; and in *reſtoring* without delay whatever he hath gain'd by oppreſſion, and whatever he hath wrongfully detain'd from any; eſpecially from *Orphans*, and *Widows*: for *God is the helper of the Fatherleſs, and Oppreſſed*; and Pſal. 10. 14.

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their Tears will entail a *Curse* upon what is taken away from them, and all the Poſſeſſions that go along with it. This point of *Reſtitution*, and *Satisfaction* for Injuries is very tender, and ought to be preſs'd home upon the Conſciences of Men; for unleſs they make amends to all whom they have *wronged*, or *defrauded*, or *ſlander'd*, (ſo far as they have ability to do it) they cannot expect forgiveneſs from God for ſuch Offences; and then let them think, what their
Luk. 19 8. Doom is likely to be: *If* (ſaith the honeſt Publican) *I have taken any thing from any Man, I reſtore him fourfold*; and this was the day that *Salvation came to his Houſe*. There may be ſome difficulties in ſtating the meaſures, and ways of *Reſtitution*; and then for the ſetling of Conſcience, it will be needful to conſult a faithful *Guide*, and to follow his advice: but as for the general *neceſſity* of this Duty, it wants no proof; and to this purpoſe

purpose I shall use the words of a most excellent Writer; *As long as thou keepest any thing of unjust gain, 'tis as it were an earnest-penny from the Devil, which gives him full right to thy Soul.* *Whole Duty of Man.*

XVII.

AS *Justice* is necessary to a dying Man, so likewise is *Charity*; whether it be consider'd in *giving*, or in *forgiving*: As to *giving* to the Poor, this is the business of the Wealthy; 'tis indeed their *Debt* to that God, who hath given them all their plenty. If they leave *Children* behind them, they will not make them the poorer, for such *charitable* distributions, as will engage *God's blessing* to the rest which is put into their Hands: and if they have no *Children*, none that have a *natural* right to the Fruits of their industry; (instead of *adopting* remote Heirs, and the mean ambition of *raising a Family*

for two, or three Generations) let them *raiſe Churches*, or *Hoſpitals*, or *Schools*, or the like *laſting* Monuments of *Charity*. 'Tis the admonition of the *Church*, that *ſuch as are of ability, be earneſtly mov'd to be liberal* in Legacies *to the Poor*; for though we allow no *Popiſh Merit* to *Alms*, and pretend not to *purchaſe* Heaven with them; yet we know, Heaven is promiſed to the *Charitable*: and ſurely when God hath bleſs'd Men with Riches, they cannot do leſs at their going out of the World, than to repay ſomewhat proportionably to him by way of acknowledgment. *Charity* is always ſeaſonable; but more neceſſary than ever, when 'tis the laſt opportunity that Men can have: And this is *laying up in ſtore for themſelves a good foundation againſt the time to come, that they may lay hold on Eternal Life.*

1 *Tim.* 6. 19.

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CHarity is expreſs'd in *forgiving* Injuries, as well as in *giving* Alms: and therefore the Sick Perſon is exhorted by the Church, *to forgive from the bottom of his heart all perſons that have offended him; and if he hath offended any, to ask them forgiveneſs:* And particularly let him remember, not to leave behind him in his *Will* any marks of an Unforgiving Temper, by laying a Brand upon any of his near *Relations.* Our *Saviour* upon the Croſs *forgave* his Murtherers, and *pray'd* for them; and ſo did the firſt *Martyr* of the Chriſtian Church, Expiring with this Prayer; *Lord,* Act. 7. 60. *lay not this ſin to their charge:* and after ſuch great Examples, the Chriſtian is to die *in Charity with all the World*; and to declare *forgiveneſs* to all Men, even to the worſt of his Enemies: and that others may exerciſe the ſame Grace

towards him, he is to desire the satisfaction of being *forgiven* by all those, whom he hath any quarrel, or enmity with; and then he may go in peace to the Mansions of *Rest.*

XIX.

THere is no dying with a Rational Peace, unless the Christian be sensible of having employ'd at least the Minutes of his sickness with some Integrity, to prepare himself for it: and to this end he is to undertake a strict *Examination* of himself, both concerning his past life, and concerning the performance of the particular Duties necessary in his present circumstances. This is what our Church earnestly requires from every sick Christian; *That since after this life there is an Account to be given to the Righteous Judge, by whom all must be judged without respect of persons; he would Exa-*

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min himself, and his estate, both toward God, and Man; so that accusing, and condemning himself for his own faults, he may find Mercy at our Heavenly Father's hand, for Christ's sake; and not be accused, and condemned in that fearful Judgment. Happy is he who can, upon such a review, have a well-grounded *Confidence towards God*; and can joyfully surrender his Soul to him, in the words of our Redeemer; *Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit.* Luc. 23. 46.

XX.

WHatever the Christian (upon a serious *Examination*) finds himself defective in, he ought immediately, with all humility, and fervency, to supplicate for the pardon of; and with early Contrition and Penitential Tears, to lay open his sins, and all the aggravations of them, before Almighty God; that he may have a Title to

his Mercy; and may attain to peace of *Conſcience*, which is the beſt *Cordial* upon the Bed of Sickneſs. *Repent* he muſt unfeignedly at this time; but God forbid, that this ſhould be the beginning of his *Repentance:* the Work is now to be finiſh'd, and not the Foundation to be laid; and what remains is to be diſpatch'd without delay; for knowing not how long God will ſpare him, nor how long he ſhall have his *Faculties* clear, he ought to be very quick in making up his *Accounts*, and very diligent in the exerciſes of *Religion.* 'Tis an inexpreſſible madneſs, to run through many years in an *impenitent* courſe, and to reſiſt all the opportunities of Reconciliation to God; upon the preſumption that a *Deathbed-Repentance* will ſave us at laſt: But if a cuſtomary Sinner be overtaken by the Warnings of Death, let him not grow *deſperate*, becauſe he hath been very *preſumptuous*; let him redouble his Endeavours, and lament

lament the unfruitfulneſs of the beſt Reſolutions he can now make, and *cry mightily unto God:* and *who can tell,* but God may have compaſſion upon him, *that he periſh not?* The Mercy of God is *Infinite,* and the Satisfaction of *Chriſt* is of *infinite* value; and the *Holy Spirit* may blow inviſibly where he pleaſeth: and if he leads a Sinner to repentance in his laſt Hour, and makes a real change in his Heart; who can ſay, that the work will fail of ſucceſs; and that *Grace* will not be triumphant over all the Weakneſſes of *Nature?* * The *Church* doth not call into queſtion the *validity* of a *Deathbed-Repen*

* *Repentance is never too late, ſo that it be true, and earneſt.* Homil. p. 257. *Repentance can never be unprofitable.* p. 260. *Let not the remembrance of thy former life diſcourage thee; yea, the more wicked it hath been, the more fervent, and earneſt let thy Repentance be; and forthwith thou ſhalt feel the Ears of the Lord open unto thy Prayers.* p. 257. *Let us repent in time, and hereafter ſtudy to correct our Life; and doubt not, but we ſhall find God as merciful to us, as he was either to* Lazarus, *or to the Thief: whoſe Examples are written in Holy Scripture, for the comfort of them that be ſinners, and ſubject to ſorrows, and calamities in this world, that they ſhould not deſpair in God's Mercy, but ever truſt thereby to have forgiveneſs of their ſins, and Life everlaſting, as* Lazarus, *and the Thief had.* p. 63.

tance; some of her celebrated *Writers* have represented it as *uncertain*, and *unsincere*; though (I hope) 'tis not always so: and one of them truly observes, That *it is the venturing our Souls upon such miserable Uncertainties, as no wise man would trust with any thing of the least value:* but the absolute *invalidity* of it is a *new* Doctrin, except amongst the *Socinians*; and (to dismiss it with a short *Reflection*) it lays too *much* weight upon the *Works* of *Man*, and too *little* upon the *Grace* of *God*, and the Operations of the *Divine Spirit*. If Repentance be *sincere*, (whether *early*, or *late*) 'tis the *gift* of *God*: and God will certainly *accept* what he *gives* in order to Salvation. I would by no means encourage the *trusting* to a *Deathbed-Repentance*; but neither would I drive any to *Despair*, that have no other refuge left: and accordingly I shall conclude in the Words of Two very *Great Men*, who have declar'd their dissatisfaction

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faction with such a late Repentance: *This fashion of Repenting I can say little to; but I pray God, it deceive us not: it is not good trying Conclusions about our Souls:* Bishop Andrews. *but however, A Death-bed resolution of Amendment, if it be sincere, and such as God seeth would bring forth fruits of Repentance, (if time were given) shall certainly be accepted by God.* Dr. Hammond.

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The Sick Penitent's Examination of himſelf.

LET the Chriſtian put himſelf privately upon his Knees, and ask of his Soul the following Queſtions, and anſwer them diſtinctly: When he aſſents to an Article of Faith, he may ſay thus; This I ſtedfaſtly believe; Lord, preſerve me in this Faith: *When his Conſcience accuſeth him, he may ſay thus;* I confeſs my Guilt; and O my God, waſh it away, and be merciful to me a Sinner: *When he doubts, and is in ſuſpence, he may ſay thus;* O God, enlighten me, and cleanſe me from my ſecret faults: *When his Conſcience acquits him, he may ſay thus;* Lord, I bleſs thee for keep-

keeping me from this ſin: *And when none of theſe Anſwers will ſerve, he may eaſily frame ſuch as ſhall be proper to be uſed.*

Of his Faith, and Hope.

1. DOST thou believe, O my Soul, all the Articles of the *Chriſtian* Faith, as contain'd in the Ancient *Creeds*?

2. Doſt thou love them, and rejoyce in them, and embrace them with an obedient *Will*?

3. Doſt thou believe that Almighty God is the Lord of life, and death; and the diſpoſer of all human events?

4. Doſt thou acknowledge and ſubmit to his *Providence*, in ordering this Sickneſs?

5. Doſt thou believe him to be a Father to me, and to have corrected me for my good?

6. Doſt thou believe that God the Father hath created me, and all the World?

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7. Doſt thou believe that God the Son hath redeemed me, and all mankind?

8. Doſt thou believe that God the Holy Ghoſt ſanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God?

9. Doſt thou believe that God hath ordain'd for me, and for all true Chriſtians, Forgiveneſs of Sins, and a Reſurrection from the grave, and a life of everlaſting glory?

10. Art thou thankful to God for theſe unſpeakable bleſſings; and for inſtructing thee in this Faith?

11. Doſt thou beg of God to keep, and ſtrengthen thee in this Faith; that it may never fail thee, and eſpecially not at the hour of death?

12. Doſt thou believe that this Faith is neceſſary to thy ſalvation?

13. Haſt thou any doubt, or ſcruple againſt any of the Articles of the *Creed*?

14. Doſt thou believe the *Scripture* to be the word of God?

15. Doſt thou truſt in the merits of Chriſt *Jeſus*, and only in him, for pardon, and ſalvation?

16. Art thou never tempted to *deſpair*, upon the account of the number, and hainouſneſs of thy ſins?

17. Art thou not apt to *preſume* too boldly upon the mercy of God, and hereupon to continue in ſin?

18. Is thy *Hope* a principle of good works; and firmly grounded in God's *Promiſes*?

Of his Charity, and Juſtice.

1. O My Soul, art thou in charity with all the world?

2. Doſt thou heartily forgive all ſuch as have injur'd, or offended thee?

3. Doſt thou deſire God to forgive them?

4. Doſt thou deſire forgiveneſs from ſuch as I have offended?

5. Hath this requeſt been made to any of them?

6. Art thou willing to give *ſatisfaction* for all the wrongs, and injuries I have done?

7. Have I not detained Lands, and Goods, which belong rightfully to other men?

8. Do I detain nothing unjuſtly, that was given to the *Poor*, or to the *Church*?

9. Art thou ſure my Title is good to all I poſſeſs?

10. Art thou willing to make *Reſtitution* without fraud, or delay, to all ſuch as I have wrong'd, or over reach'd?

11. Have I made a juſt, and charitable *Will*?

12. Have I expreſs'd no anger, or peeviſhneſs in it; nor diſinherited any, whom I ought to leave my Poſſeſſions to?

13. Have I taken care for the payment of my debts?

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14. Have I remembred the Poor in my *Will*, proportionably to the plenty which God hath given me?

Of his sins against the First Table.

1. HAST thou not been wanting, O my Soul, in the Love, and Reverence, and Fear of God?

2. Hast thou not been negligent in his Worship, and in attending upon the Publick Devotions?

3. Hast thou not often omitted the Duty of *Daily Prayer*?

4. Dost thou not want attention, and wander much in Prayer?

5. Have I not been careless of praying with my *Family*?

6. Have I not scandalously absented my self from the Holy *Communion*?

7. Art thou sure that my ordinary *Worship* is not unlawful in any circumstance?

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8. *Art thou certain that I lie not under the guilt of ſinful ſeparation from the Church?*

9. *Art thou certain that I give not Divine Worſhip to Creatures?*

10. Have I never come profanely to the Lord's Supper, and without preparation?

11. Am I not *now* unfit to receive it, and cold in deſiring it?

12. Haſt thou not feared men more than God; and rely'd upon creatures, more than upon Him?

13. Haſt thou not loved, deſir'd, and delighted in other things, more than in God?

14. *Have I never Atheiſtically deny'd the Being, or Providence of God?*

15. Have I never uſed unlawful means, to bring me out of my troubles?

16. Haſt thou not been *impatient*, and *unreform'd*, under God's corrections?

17. Haſt thou not been *unthankful* for his mercies?

18. *Have I never openly blaſphem'd the Holy Name of God?*

19. Have I not tamely heard others blaſpheme?

20. Have I not taken God's name in vain, by common *Swearing*, and *Curſing*?

21. Have I not ſpoken, or thought irreverently concerning God?

22. Have I not behav'd my ſelf irreverently in his Worſhip?

23. Have I not been very guilty of Hypocriſie in his ſervice?

24. Have I not abus'd his Sacred Word?

25. Have I not diſreſpected *Places*, or *Things* dedicated to his ſervice?

26. Have I not put contempt upon his *Miniſters*, as ſuch?

27. Have I not neglected the reading of the Holy *Scriptures*?

28. *Have I never left God, to go to Conjurers, and Witches, and Fortune-tellers?*

29. *Have I not taken false, or unlawful Oaths?*

30. Have I not broken such as I lawfully took?

31. Have I not been false to my religious *Vows?*

32. Have I not made a practice of spending the *Lord's Day* idly, and wickedly?

33. Have I not scorn'd, or misspent the *Festivals* and *Fasts* of the Church?

34. Have I not often abus'd the gifts of God, and resisted the motions of his *Spirit?*

Of his sins against the Second Table.

1. HAve I not, O my Soul, been very deficient in loving my Neighbours, as my self?

2. Have I not hated my Enemies?

3. Have I not tempted my Companions to sin?

4. Am I not guilty of having dishonour'd my *Parents*, or my *Governours*, Civil, or Ecclesiastical?

5. Have I not *resisted*, or censur'd, and revil'd them?

6. Have I not been undutiful, and stubborn, and unfaithful to some of them?

7. *Have I not neglected the catechising of my Children, and the care of those under my charge; and given them a bad example?*

8. *Have I not transgressed in my Conjugal Relation, and broken my Matrimonial Promises?*

9. *Have I not forsaken my Lawful Pastour?*

10. Have I not been unfaithful to my Friends?

11. *Have I not trampled upon my Servants, and despis'd my Inferiours, and treated them with Pride?*

12. *Have I not actually committed murther?*

13. *Have I never engag'd in Duels?*

14. *Have I not been accessary to the shortning of my neighbours life?*

15. Have I never wished any man's death?

16. Have I not harbour'd Malice, and Revenge?

17. Have I not been angry without a cause; and used reviling words?

18. *Have I not prosecuted men revengefully, under a Publick Pretence?*

19. Have I not destroy'd, or endanger'd my own health, by Drunkenness, Intemperance, and Gluttony?

20. *Have I not committed Adultery, or Fornication?*

21. Have I not many secret uncleannesses, many lascivious words, and thoughts, and actions to answer for?

22. Have I not delighted in wanton discourses, and the provocations of lust, and temptations to uncleanness?

23. Have I not refus'd the proper means for the preserving of my Chastity?

24. Have I not affected vain, and immodest Apparel?

25. *Have I not been guilty of stealing, or Robbery, or Sacriledge?*

26. Have I not heaped up unjust gain by cheating, or oppression, or extortion, or gaming, or excessive *Usury?*

27. Have I not run into debt, without hopes, or purposes of payment?

28. Have I not been idle, and prodigal in my Calling?

29. Have I not been uncharitable to the poor, and distressed?

30 *Have I not defrauded Labourers of their hire, or servants of their wages?*

31. *Have I not sworn falsly against my neighbour, to the hurt of his life, or estate?*

32. Have I not slander'd, and defam'd him; and raised, or spread malicious reports against him?

33. Have I not accustom'd my self to Lying?

34. *Have I not been a common Flatterer?*

35. Have I not been afraid of witnessing the Truth?

36. Have I spoken evil of no man to his loss, and with a design to do him mischief?

37. *Have I not abus'd my power, to depress, and blast the credit of other men?*

38. Have I not encourag'd evil speaking, and whispering, and lying stories?

39. Have I not coveted the goods of my Neighbour?

40. Have I not been discontented with the allotments of Providence?

41. *Have I not troubled my neighbours with needless Law-suits; and been quarrelsom, and contentious amongst them?*

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42. Have I not envied the prosperity, and been pleased with the misfortunes of other men?

43. Have I not been Ambitious, and Proud, and Vain glorious?

44. Have I not been fond of the Pomps, and Vanities of the world?

45. Have I not been immoderate in my Recreations?

46. Have I not given my self up too greedily to the *world*; and been too solicitous about the enjoyments of it?

Of his Repentance.

1. O My Soul, hast thou repented sincerely of all the sins, thou art conscious of?

2. Hast thou repented of thy former neglects of Repentance, and Humiliation?

3. Dost thou desire to feel greater sorrow for thy sins?

4. Art thou grieved that thou dost not feel more grief for them?

5. Doſt thou deſire to be enlightned by God, as to thy unknown and forgotten ſins; that they alſo may be particularly repented of?

6. Is there any ſpecial ſin, that lies heavy upon thee?

7. Have I confeſs'd it to a *Miniſter*, and humbly requeſted *Abſolution*?

8. Haſt thou diligently examin'd my eſtate both toward God, and man?

9. Art thou *now* making this Examination with care, and compunction of mind?

10. Art thou deſirous to *judge* thy ſelf, and to inflict puniſhment upon me for all my ſins?

11. Doſt thou ſincerely reſolve to live much better, if God ſhould reſtore my health?

12. Doſt thou remember, and renew the profeſſion made unto God in my baptiſm?

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13. Doſt thou lament the breaking of that Vow ſo often, and ſo grievouſly?

14. Doſt thou ſtedfaſtly reſolve (if God ſhould grant me recovery, or any longer continuance here) to avoid all the means, and occaſions of ſinning; and all ſuch temptations as have formerly caus'd me to fall?

15. Is it thy unfeigned purpoſe to be conſtant in the ſervice, and worſhip of God; and in works of charity, and mercy?

16. Doſt thou ſolemnly promiſe all this in the preſence of God, his Grace aſſiſting me?

17. Art thou reſolved, and ready to make *compenſation* (to my power) for all the injuries done to my brethren; as thou hopeſt for mercy at the hands of God?

18. Doſt thou earneſtly pray to God for his Holy Spirit, to enable thee to perform all thy good purpoſes?

A Form

A Form before, and after Examination.

Before it.

From Bp. *Ken.*

O My Soul, thou art now in the presence of the great Judge of Heaven, and Earth; before whose dreadful Tribunal thou must certainly appear at the day of Judgment, to give a strict account of all thy actions, and of every idle word, of every evil thought: and then my own Conscience will be my accuser. Think, O my Soul, think if thou canst, what unimaginable terrours will seize an impenitent Sinner; when the last Trump calls him out of his Grave, and the Devils begin to drag him to God's Judgment-seat. What would such a Wretch give, to purchase one such opportunity of Repentance, as God now in great mercy gives thee? If ever thou hopest to escape those horrours,

rours, O my Soul, make thy peace with God; and judge thy self here, leſt thou be condemned hereafter. And may he that ſearcheth the Heart, and trieth the Reins, diſcover to me all the evil, and deceits of my own Heart; that I may confeſs, and bewail, and forſake them; and obtain mercy through Jeſus my Saviour. *Amen.*

After Examination.

O Lord God, I have now, by thy aſſiſtance, conſidered my evil ways: O thou who only knoweſt the Heart, and who only canſt change it; create in me ſuch a broken, and contrite Heart, (which thou haſt promiſed not to deſpiſe) and ſo deep a ſenſe of my own ſin, and miſery; that my Repentance may bear ſome proportion to my Guilt. O my God, pardon all my failings; and perfect that good work thou haſt begun

begun in me, for the merits of Jesus my Saviour. *Amen.*

☞ *The Lord's Prayer is always to conclude the Sick Christians Private Devotions.*

The Form of Absolution for the Sick.

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left Power to his Church, to absolve all Sinners who truly repent, and believe in him; of his great mercy forgive thee thine offences: And by his Authority committed to me, I absolve thee from all thy Sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Judg-

Judgments concerning this Absolution.

Of Bishop *Andrews.*

CHrist hath not thus endited his *Commission* to the Apostles; whose sins ye wish, or ye pray for; or whose sins ye *declare* to be remitted; but *whose sins ye remit:* Using no other word in the Apostles part, than he useth in his own. To this *Power* he addeth a *Promise*, that he will ratifie, and make it good; that his *Power* shall accompany this *Power*, and the lawful use of it in his Church for ever: To the end that such poor Sinners as shall be partakers of it, might have strong Consolation, and perfect Assurance, not to waver in the Hope which is set before them.

Of

Of Mr. Maſon.

THE Miniſterial Declaration is not a *bare*, but an *effectual* declaration that mens ſins are forgiven. For a man may be ſaid to pronounce, and declare remiſſion of ſins two ways: *1ſt.* By a narrative, and hiſtorical rehearſal out of the general duty of Charity; and ſo may every Chriſtian; *2dly.* By a Miniſterial Power given by a ſpecial *Commiſſion* from God, adorned, and eſtabliſh'd with a ſpecial *Promiſe*; and ſo may every lawful Miniſter. Neither is there any doubt, but God will give a ſpecial Bleſſing to his own Ordinance. But this Declaration is always to be underſtood with a ſecret Condition; and the Condition is this, *If thou believe and repent*: Neither may we pronounce it otherwiſe, than upon a charitable perſwaſion proceeding upon probable grounds, that this Condition is fulfill'd.

Of

Of Dr. Hammond.

THE pronouncing of *Absolution*, (which Christ so solemnly instated on the Priest in his Disciples; and which is so distinctly named by St. *James*, in the case of *Sickness*; and so constantly preserv'd, and exercis'd in the *Universal* Church; and approv'd even by those, who affirm that *Power* in the Minister to be *only declarative*) this pronouncing of God's Pardon, and actual giving the Pardon, and Peace of the Church to all her penitent Children; especially that more particular act before the *Communion*, and on the Bed of *Sickness*; is, besides the obedience to Christ, a necessary expression of Christian Charity in every Church to its poor Members.

Of

Of Dr. Comber.

OUR Church hath three different Forms of *Abſolution* in her Publick Offices: The Firſt is *Declaratory*, after the *Daily Confeſſion*: The Second is *Petitionary*, in the *Communion* Service: The Third is *Judiciary* in the Office for the Sick. As for which Form, as it muſt be a mighty comfort to a dying man, to hear Chriſt's ſpecial Officer thus ſolemnly pronounce his Pardon, upon ſo good, and unqueſtionable Warrant, and Authority: So the Prieſt muſt by the Confeſſion, Devotion, and Penitence of the Party, be well ſatisfi'd, that he needs, deſires, and is prepar'd for this ſolemn Abſolution, before he uſe it; and then it ſhall not only *declare*, but *convey* the Pardon.

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